

Nationwide casting call for ‘Te Ata’ movie set; Native American actors encouraged to audition for roles

ADA, Okla. - A nationwide search for Native American actors has been launched.

Actors will be chosen to appear in “Te Ata,” a tribally-produced feature film. “Te Ata” will tell the story of a trailblazing Chickasaw entertainer Te Ata.

Open casting calls for “Te Ata” were conducted last month in Dallas, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City and Ada.

Casting calls in Albuquerque and Tulsa are set for July and August, respectively.

Albuquerque – Saturday, July 12 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Tulsa, Oklahoma – Saturday, Aug. 2 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
777 West Cherokee Street
Catoosa, OK 74015

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, “Te Ata” is a full-length feature film based on the remarkable life and legacy of Chickasaw performer Mary Frances Thompson.

Best known by her stage name Te Ata, which means “bearer of the dawn,” she gained international fame presenting a unique one-woman show of American Indian heritage and culture to audiences across the United States, Canada and Europe.

Named Woman of the Year by *Ladies’ Home Journal* in 1976, Te Ata’s creative performances delivered to kings, queens, presidents and everyday people helped inspire greater respect and understanding of American Indian culture and heritage.

Inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1958 and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1990, she was awarded the Oklahoma Governor’s Arts Award in 1975 and declared Oklahoma’s first “State Treasure” in 1987.

“Te Ata” auditions will include a 2-minute reading before a casting committee.

Auditions will end promptly at 2 p.m. Please arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. to have the best opportunity for an audition slot. It is estimated the first 150 people will have an opportunity to read for judges.

Individuals interested in auditioning for a role should bring an 8x10 portrait and a résumé to the casting call.

Auditions are open to everyone. Native American actors are encouraged to audition.

An online casting call is also available.

For additional “Te Ata” casting and audition information, including a list of available roles, audition scenes and online casting call, email TeAtaOpenCasting@gmail.com or visit <http://TeAtathemovie.com>.

Follow Te Ata the movie on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TeAtaThompsonFisher>.

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Donning a T-Rex costume to compete in the fishing derby, Zaden Wayne Tomlin treats one of his nine catches with a little TLC.

‘Old’ headquarters gym sees ‘new’ renovations



Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal dignitaries, elected tribal officials and Oklahoma City Thunder Girl Katie Callaway (a Chickasaw) cut the ribbon on the completely revamped Chickasaw Nation Headquarters gymnasium on June 24. Head Start enrollees, basketball aficionados, health enthusiasts and Chickasaw citizens also took part in the ceremony.

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Head Start students, basketball teams, athletes and citizens turned out to help officials cut the ribbon on a completely revamped gymnasium June 24 at tribal headquarters.

The gym complex, which has long served the tribe in a multi-

tude of capacities, received a major facelift both inside and out.

“We are celebrating the renewal of (a facility) that has been here quite a while,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby told the overflow gathering. “This structure started out early as a gymnasium but was also a community center. It was also the

second location of our Head Start program.

The tribe hosted several employee Thanksgiving dinners at the site in the tribe’s early years.

“That’s when we had a lot fewer employees,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “I think everybody could fit into the building.”

Today, the tribe’s employs nearly 13,000.

“It’s a new beginning for this facility, which will be totally dedicated to recreation and athletics,” Gov. Anoatubby said.

According to Chickasaw Nation Tribal Development officials, the

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Chickasaws, Choctaws ink pact on Durant clinic



Choctaw Nation Principal Chief Gary Batton, left, and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby formally sign a memorandum of agreement transferring operation of a medical clinic in Durant, Oklahoma over to the Choctaw Nation.

DURANT, Okla. – The Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations are taking historic steps to transfer full operation of a health clinic in Durant to the Choctaw Nation.

Currently, the Choctaw Nation owns the building, but the clinic is staffed by the Chickasaw Nation. The clinic’s operation will be entirely managed by the Choctaw

Nation beginning Oct. 1, leaders of both tribes announced.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton signed a memorandum of agreement in a ceremony at Choctaw Nation Headquarters early this month.

The tribes’ partnership to provide quality health care to Native

Americans began in 1996. The tribes agreed Choctaws would provide the facility and Chickasaws would staff it with medical professionals.

Beginning as a modular structure near Choctaw Nation Headquarters, the clinic was moved four years later to a larger building on Washington Street in Durant and the tribes continued the partnership.

“No matter how many clinics and hospitals we build there will always be the need for access to care,” Chief Batton said. The Choctaw Nation, he said, planned health care expansions in the future. Gov. Anoatubby has pledged support and expertise from the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Anoatubby said the goal of the agreement was to provide the highest quality health care services possible.

“We’re brothers and sisters,” Gov. Anoatubby said of the two tribes. “We have a long, long relationship – a good one – and this is another step toward the Choctaw Nation operating the clinic and continuing to improve health care

here. Today, we are commemorating that. We are certainly excited about what can happen for both Choctaw as well as Chickasaw citizens.”

Patients will see little difference in operation of the clinic, according to Teresa Jackson, Senior Executive Officer for the Choctaw Nation division of health.

“The only immediate change patients will notice is the seal of the Choctaw Nation will be placed on the door,” Ms. Jackson said. “We are working very hard with Chickasaw health care leadership to make this as seamless a transition as possible.”

Of the 21 Chickasaw Nation employees working at the clinic, Ms. Jackson said, 18 will now go to work for the Choctaw Nation. Additionally, a staff pharmacist has worked for both tribes previously and “knows both protocols” so patients’ medicine and prescriptions will not be an issue, she added.

For more information, call (580) 920-2100.

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Tribe breaks ground on Ardmore child ed center



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, Chickasaw legislators and tribal dignitaries were joined by Ardmore city officials June 11 to break ground for the Ardmore Early Childhood Development Center. The project will be completed in 18 months and provide 60 new jobs. It is located just south of the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ardmore.

ARDMORE, Okla. – The importance of education took center stage in June when Chickasaw Nation leaders and Ardmore city officials broke ground on a project to offer area children an opportunity to learn and grow.

When completed, the 26,000 square-foot Ardmore Early Childhood Development Center will provide educational opportunities for more than 200 Chickasaw and non-Native children, up to age four, in the Ardmore area.

Construction is expected to take 18 months.

“We believe that investing in

our children is vital to the long-term well-being of the tribe,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby told the large gathering at the groundbreaking ceremony. “It is important for a child to benefit from a positive educational environment just as early as possible in his or her life.

“The critical time for a child’s development is from birth to three years. Our child development program strives to challenge and stimulate this developmental capacity of our children,” he said. “In Ada, we provide the opportunity year-round and we are excited now to extend the

same service to people who live within the city of Ardmore.

“When we complete the facility, this will create 60 new jobs (for) this area,” Gov. Anoatubby said.

In an interview following the groundbreaking, Gov. Anoatubby said it was important to the tribe to partner with communities, to provide employment and engage in economic growth whenever possible.

The Ardmore facility will be patterned after the award-winning Chickasaw Nation Child Development in Ada. The Ardmore center is designed to be a learn-

ing facility that fosters education and growth for each child in a nurturing environment.

It will feature four themed corridors – a town, a zoo, the mountains and a farm – including 17 classrooms, indoor and outdoor play areas, three storm shelter rooms, a commercial style kitchen, library, media center, exercise areas and more.

The child care center’s design not only allows opportunities to strengthen social skills and develop cognitive skills, it also

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Dynamic Woman nomination deadline set

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities by Aug. 1, 2014.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the

Year Award salutes the contributions the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Only Chickasaw women, age 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are serving in a Chickasaw elected office or in an appointed position of the executive branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered

for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues, and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, scheduled this year from Sept. 26-Oct. 4

For a nomination form or more information, visit www.Chickasaw.net or contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Applications available for Chickasaw Princesses

Three lucky young women soon will be crowned royalty during the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Monday, Sept. 29.

Chickasaw royalty has the honor to serve as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

The applications are now available for the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw pageant.

Eligible candidates must be age 17-25 to apply for Chickasaw Princess; age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess; and age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw.

Candidates must reside within the 13-county region of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw, as well as a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates must attend school to be eligible

for pageant entry. These candidates must submit their most recent grade report along with the application. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required and the candidate must be in good standing with the school.

Chickasaw Princess candidates must either attend school, be high school graduates, pursue higher education or specialized training, or be employed to be eligible for pageant entry. If a Princess candidate is employed, her schedule must be somewhat flexible to accommodate her participation in tribal-related and other events.

In addition to the application, candidates must also include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and three references from non-relatives.

Candidates are also responsible for providing their own traditional dress which includes a cotton dress and apron.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant

will take place 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29, at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Categories for the pageant include traditional dress, talent and random questions. The talent portion will be capped at a three-minute performance. Past talents performed included singing, stomp dancing and storytelling.

Princess Pageant expense reimbursement is available to the participants who participate in all pageant prep, including orientation and every rehearsal.

Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 29.

An application is available at <http://www.chickasaw.net/youth>. It is also available for pick up at Chickasaw Nation Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Oklahoma.

For more information, contact Mary Hartley, Chickasaw Princess Pageant coordinator, at (580) 310 9539 or (580) 272-7710.

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Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting, Festival scheduled Sept. 26 – Oct. 4



TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaws from around the world will come home to celebrate the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 26-Oct. 4.

The theme for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Festival is "Honor, Tradition, Courage – Our People."

This year marks the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 26th Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin Friday, Sept. 27, and culminate Saturday, Oct. 4.

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation is highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby's State of the Nation Address. Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 at Fletcher Auditorium on the

campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

A live video and audio stream of the Annual Meeting and "State of the Nation" address by Governor Anoatubby will be available on the Chickasaw Nation website and KCNP Radio. Live broadcast on KCNP Radio and the Chickasaw Nation website will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A live webcast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting on any mobile device and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream link. An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org, or on KCNP 89.5 in the Ada, Okla. area.

Numerous events, including

the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Cultural Evening, cultural events, games, fellowship and more are planned for the weeklong homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture, spirit and traditions. Activities are scheduled in Tishomingo, Ada, Emet, Kullihoma and Sulphur.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting or call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheChickasawNation](https://www.facebook.com/TheChickasawNation) or twitter.com/ChickasawNation. A schedule of events will be posted soon.

Chickasaw Talent Database July 18 - 19

Chickasaw citizens of all ages are encouraged to showcase acting, modeling, voice or musical talents during the Chickasaw Talent Database event July 18-19.

This year's event will be at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma.

Create or add to profiles at this two-day event! Participants may be used in tribal commercials, print publications, films, documentaries, voice produc-

tions and more. No prior experience is required.

Classes will also be offered in acting, preparation, résumés and makeup taught by industry professionals.

Walk-ins are welcome.

For those unable to attend, electronic submissions will also be accepted.

For a complete schedule and application visit, www.Chickasaw.net/talent or call (580) 332-1165.

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building's interior and exterior have new rock that matches the other buildings at the Chickasaw Nation's headquarters complex, located at Mississippi and Arlington in Ada. A new roof was added, as well as new landscape design. The restrooms and locker areas on the lower level were reconfigured. Showers were installed in the locker rooms as well.

An elevated seating concourse was designed on three sides of the basketball court.

Balcony seating now overlooks the court. Two hundred twenty-nine bench seats with backs, 38 stadium chairs and other seating are now available.

The new seating layout is designed to provide spectators great views while also adding safety for

athletes and others.

The concession area is completely new with stainless steel counters and shelves, a refrigerator and ice machine. Upstairs are enlarged men's and women's restrooms and two built-in trophy cases.

The ceiling over the court area is a floating system that is esthetically pleasing and impact resistant. A new four-sided scoreboard was installed over center court. The court floor is a state-of-the-art wood floor system with hand-painted court graphics.

Wall pads are installed on all walls around the court to provide safety for the players and new hanging goals were installed for safety.

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helps develop a positive self-image for each child and helps the children connect with their Chickasaw heritage.

The Chickasaw language will be incorporated into the facility through signage.

The Ada child development center was featured in the 2010 spring issue of American School Board Journal's *Learning By Design* magazine for an Outstanding Project award. The magazine

recognizes the nation's best education design and construction projects by publishing outstanding pre-kindergarten to 12th grade and college or university projects.

The Ardmore Early Childhood Development Center will be located on the corner of Chickasaw Boulevard and Locust St. N.W. in Ardmore, just south of the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

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This month on CNTV

- **Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy in Norman now open**
Governor Bill Anoatubby led the ribbon cutting of the new Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy. The facility will serve Chickasaw citizens, non-employees, their dependents and area residents.
- **Ardmore Early Childhood Center**
Ground was broken in Ardmore for a new early childhood center. The child care facility will serve children six weeks to 4 years of age. Learn more

about this new facility under construction this month on CNTV.

- **Chickasaw Nation youth camps in progress**
Camp season is here! Watch CNTV and see highlights of some of the many camps happening in the Chickasaw Nation this summer.

...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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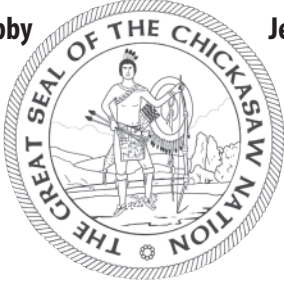
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Chickasaw government has long, rich history of accomplishment

Long before there was a United States, there was a Chickasaw Nation.

For many generations prior to European contact, our tribe functioned as a government, a people and a community. The Chickasaw communities throughout our original Southeastern homeland were bound together by many common threads. There was, of course, the bond of our blood. We were, and are, all Chickasaw people. We also came together to provide food, shelter and clothing for the people. We shared in the duties of raising our children and defending our communities.

We were, and are, a highly functional group. The heritage of the Chickasaw Nation can be found in many facets of Chickasaw life that continue to this modern day. Probably the most important aspect of our Chickasaw society, over the long term, is our tribal government.

Long before the establishment of the English settlement at Jamestown in 1607, the government of the Chickasaw Nation had been doing all those things governments are supposed to do: providing for the people, organizing to achieve important goals, establishing laws and settling disputes. Our government came about in the natural order of things as Chickasaws surmised that a central, operating government would benefit all the people.

They were right. A government is an essential unit of any collection of people with a common bond and a need to serve the common good. An “every man for himself” attitude – anarchy – simply does not work. Anarchy serves



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
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United States. Due to our long history of successful government, the Chickasaw Nation, and her sister tribes, are all sovereign nations with duties to their people.

Our Chickasaw Nation government is critically important because it is completely dedicated to the Chickasaw

very few well, leaves many behind and creates a highly inefficient use of important resources.

By the time the United States issued its Declaration of Independence in 1776, the government of the Chickasaw Nation had been working for its people for hundreds of years. This long term of government operation was recognized as important by the new United States. In the U.S. Constitution, the Chickasaw Nation and the other established tribes were recognized as sovereign entities with all the rights and responsibilities of any independent country in the world.

This made for a unique system of sovereign interaction and, eventually, Indian people would become citizens of both their tribal nations and the

people it serves. Our tribal government serves Chickasaw people principally through the myriad programs and services offered to the people. These programs and services are critically important as they provide Chickasaws with health care, education, housing, family services, assistance, cultural outreach and so much more.

The Chickasaw Nation, unlike most other governments, does not tax its people to raise revenue for essential services. Our tribe receives some federal funds, but has most importantly established tribal businesses that fund the lion's share of the programs and services on which Chickasaw people depend.

You know the mission of the Chickasaw Nation is “to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.” Your government – the executive, legislative and judicial departments – are the units that turn that mission into positive action.

We are indeed blessed our ancestors established our tribal government, and that the continuing operation of that government has assured our continued sovereign status. With our sovereignty, we have a free hand to serve Chickasaw people to the fullest!

This Independence Day, we will celebrate the 238th anniversary of United States independence. That is a good thing. Let's also take a moment to appreciate the blessings of our own Chickasaw Nation government and the independence we have gained through the valiant efforts of the many Chickasaws who have come before us.

Chickasaw trio take home ribbons, prize money for artistry, craftsmanship at Red Earth Festival



Tyra Shackleford with her award-winning bison hair and glass bead stomp dance belt.

OKLAHOMA CITY – A Chickasaw and Choctaw husband and wife team were awarded second place ribbons at the world famous Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival June 5-7, and another highly regarded Chickasaw craftsman finished in third place in judging in the adult fine arts division.

Tyra Shackleford, Chickasaw, won for a hand-woven, bison hair and glass-beaded stomp dance belt in purple and green hues. She was competing in the clothing, textiles and weaving division. Her husband, James Wallace, Choctaw, finished for a photograph he snapped in 2012 of an Aztec dancer performing in Gallup, New Mexico.

Daniel Worcester, another Chickasaw who has found huge success at the premiere annual Native art, finished in third place in the cultural division with a handcrafted knife titled “The Patriot.”

Ms. Shackleford and Mr. Wallace are both employed by the Chickasaw Nation. She is a special events coordinator at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and he is a performing arts coordinator for Chickasaw Native Arts and Humanities.

Mr. Worcester is an Ardmore, Okla., knife maker who, in 2013, was named the Honored One by festival organizers. Mr. Worcester also won the prestigious Red Earth's President's award last year and was awarded a medallion and \$1,000 prize money. The award is given annually to a master visual artist who has influenced the American Indian arts community. Past recipients include Harvey Pratt, Charles Pratt, Jereldine Redcorn and Enoch Kelly Haney.

Mr. Haney, former principal chief of the Seminole Nation, recently completed a sculpture of famed Chickasaw Mountain Leader Piominko. It is on display at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol in Tishomingo.



James Wallace hangs his award-winning photograph “Aztec Dancer.”

Mr. Haney also is responsible for the Chickasaw Warrior sculptures at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters and Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, both in Ada, and at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur. Additionally, Mr. Haney called upon his incredible talent to bring to life a Chickasaw warrior on horseback galloping through water which is on display at Remington Park, the

Chickasaw Nation entertainment facility in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Haney was named the 2014 Red Earth Ambassador of the Year. Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At-Large Neal McCaleb was honored as ambassador of the year by Red Earth in 2012.

Remington Park hosted the arts festival this year, a departure from the norm. The festival had been hosted in downtown Okla-

homa City since its inception 28 years ago.

Two artists who recently showed work at the first Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur were awarded top prizes in events at Red Earth.

The Grand Award for best in show was presented to Caddo artist Chase Kahwinhut Earles, of Ada, for his large pottery bowl, “Kahwis Bahbateno (Red River Bowl).” The Grand Award includes

a medallion and a \$1,500 prize.

Also, Cherokee artist Karin Walkingstick, of Claremore, won the Kathleen Upshaw Award for her pottery, “Birds of a Feather.” The award includes a medallion and \$750 cash prize.

Ms. Shackleford and Mr. Wallace each earned \$300 for their efforts. Worcester was awarded \$100.

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Tribe’s youth artists claim Red Earth prizes; Rico photo first in photography

OKLAHOMA CITY – Five Chickasaw youth artists finished in the money at the recent Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival at Remington Park.

Ryan Rico won a first place ribbon in Division III for photography. The Chickasaw shutterbug has received many accolades for his skills with a camera and has been a Chickasaw Nation profile feature on television.

Two artists finished second in Division II competition. Kaitlyn Tingle was cited for a drawing

and Anevey Greenwood was honored in the cultural items category of competition.

Hailey Bishop won a second place in Division III for painting/drawing and Cooper Hardison took third place in Division I competition in the painting and drawing category.

Chickasaw youth competed in three divisions. Division I includes competitors age 9-12; Division II for ages 13-15 and Division III for 16-18-year-olds.

Chonda Pierce to take McSwain stage Sept. 13



Chonda Pierce

ADA, Okla. -- A darling of the South, Chonda Pierce is known for her fast-paced wit and clean-cut humor. She draws comedic inspiration from growing up a preacher's kid. Growing up in the Southern church provided her an arsenal of material that both churchgoers, and those who have never graced a pew, find hilarious.

Ms. Pierce got her first break at Opryland USA, a theme park in Nashville, where she performed as Grand Ole Opry star Minnie Pearl.

She has performed from coast

to coast, with Women of Faith, as well as for the troops in Afghanistan.

Ms. Pierce has been dubbed “country comic” by *Billboard Magazine*. She's a frequent guest at the Grand Ole Opry, has served as host of the Inspirational Country Music Awards and Christian Music Hall of Fame Awards. She also co-hosted the GMA Dove awards in 2012.

Ms. Pierce will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the McSwain Theater in Ada.

“It is very exciting that she is coming back,” Jae L., manager of

the McSwain Theater, said. “It was a sellout last time! She is a very funny lady and super to work with.”

Tickets are on sale now for her show Sept. 13. Platinum tickets are \$45, Gold tickets are \$25 and Silver are \$25.

The last time Pierce performed at the McSwain Theater was in September 2010.

For more information, please call the McSwain Theater at (580) 332-8108.

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Chickasaw clinic teaches kids the love of tennis



Beginning students learned the fundamentals of tennis at the Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic June 9-12 in Ada, Okla.



Advanced students at the Chickasaw Nation Tennis Clinic furthered their knowledge of the game and honed their skills June 16-19 in Ada, Okla.

Historian Towana Spivey recognized for work with ‘Code Talkers’

Comanche Nation honors Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee



Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee Towana Spivey, right of the rostrum, is honored by Comanche Indian Veterans Association official Lanny Asepermy, center, during ceremonies recently in Lawton.

LAWTON, Okla. – Towana Spivey’s long journey to bring recognition to Native American “Code Talkers” culminated May 26 with honors bestowed upon him by the Comanche Nation at the tribal complex north of Lawton/Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Mr. Spivey, a respected Chickasaw historian, anthropologist, and museum curator received a bronze medal from the U.S. Mint for more than 30 years of work to identify, corroborate and chronicle the contributions of 17 Comanche warriors who were specifically trained to use their native tongue as a weapon in hastening the demise of Nazi Germany during World War II. Fourteen Comanche Code Talkers participated in the D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach. Unlike most code talkers in the military, the Comanche and Navajo actually used a specific code within their language. This technique virtually ensured enemy forces would not be able to compromise messages between military units, resulting in the saving of many lives on the battlefield.

The Germans could not break the code because they were unaware of the language. Additionally, they did not know the internal code within the language. The code talkers were classified “Top Secret” by the U.S. military and it wasn’t until decades after the war’s end that Indian code talkers were able to talk about their contributions in defeating the fascist regime.

Mr. Spivey received the medal during a Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) gathering on Labor Day. He was among five cited by the tribe during the ceremony for their many contributions to the tribe and to the CIVA.

“His accomplishments are many as he worked closely with many Southern Plains Tribes, to include the Comanche Nation and the Comanche Indian Veterans Association, as well as the Five Civilized Tribes throughout his distinguished career, CIVA historian and master of ceremonies Lanny Asepermy said of Mr. Spivey.

“His contribution to the Comanche Nation and the Comanche Indian Veterans Association began in the 1980s when he did early

research on the Comanche Code Talkers of World War II.”

Mr. Spivey served in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1960-66, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He also worked for the U.S. Army as a civilian from 1982-2012. As part of his museum responsibilities, he trained many military units and individuals going to and from battlefields in Asia, as well as other remote areas of the world. His emphasis was on cultural sensitivities, tactics and weaponry based on the historical experiences of the military in the American West, including Oklahoma.

He was involved with the U.S. Army as well as other high levels of the civilian government in addressing such matters as displays in the Pentagon on Native American soldiers, casualty assistance for Native American soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and legal issues involving Native American cemeteries.

MELDING CULTURES

Mr. Spivey is Chickasaw and originally from Madill, Okla. Yet he seamlessly blurs the lines between the vastly different and equally diverse Southern Plains Tribes and his own Five Civilized Tribes heritage.

A noted author, he is very familiar with cultural markers such as coup sticks, eagle feathered headdresses, and nomadic travel to harvest bison by the plains tribes. His respect for cultural heritage also harkens back to his Chickasaw roots; council houses, stomp dance grounds, thatched-roof living quarters and hunting techniques. All, he said, have a place, a time and spiritual elements giving it timelessness and importance. Each tribe’s experience, he said, is framed against conflicts among competing tribes as well as the advancement of the Euro-American westward expansion of land-hungry settlers and politicians eager to solve the so-called “Indian problem” through wars or assimilation.

LOOKING TO THE PAST

Mr. Spivey’s search for Comanche Code Talkers began in the 1980s when he served as the primary historical adviser to the French Government in prepara-

tion for ceremonies to honor Comanche and Choctaw code talkers in Oklahoma City in 1989. Mr. Spivey also supported the U.S. Department of Defense in honoring these same code talkers in St. Louis a short time later.

Beginning in the late 1990s, Congress and the White House, on behalf of Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, requested Mr. Spivey’s recommendations regarding the production of a Congressional Gold Medal for Native American Code Talkers. The medal was approved in 2008 and awarded to code talkers from 33 Native American tribes in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November 2013.

More than 400 code talkers have been identified. The use of Native languages to confound the enemy was first used by the Choctaw and Comanche in World War I. While the Navajo Nation has been recognized for its contributions during World War II, code talkers from other tribes during this period had been overlooked for honors until recently.

Mr. Spivey arranged the first and only meeting among surviving Comanche and Navajo code talkers in 1993 at the Comanche Nation Fair. The Navajo identified him at that time as an “Honorary Code Talker.” The Navajo are the largest Native American tribe in America and had the greatest number of code talkers who participated in the war.

GAINING TRUST AND RESPECT

Mr. Spivey’s diverse interests and expertise have earned him countless accolades and involved him in wide-ranging projects and endeavors. During his 40-year career in preserving significant historic sites and interpreting cultural perspectives or traditions, he has literally walked the ground and touched the objects of many famous warriors. His unique experiences have brought him in close contact with Sitting Bull’s peace pipe, Quanah Parker’s clothing and weapons, George Custer’s guidon from the Little Bighorn, and many others. Mr. Spivey’s understanding of the plains Indians’ tradition, culture and beliefs is extensive and complex.

Mr. Spivey provided important assistance to Michael Blake, author of the book Dances With Wolves which became an academy award-winning movie featuring Kevin Costner in 1990. He also participated in approximately 50 other historical movies and documentaries for the national and international market.

Beginning in the 1970s, he lectured widely on silent films featuring Native Americans and produced in Oklahoma during the early 20th century, using both self-generated video and/or historical film footage such as Daughter of Dawn, Sign of the Smoke, The Cache Bank Robbery and others.

He was involved in steering the only surviving copy of Daughter of Dawn to the Oklahoma Historical Society for acquisition and preservation. He has authored scholarly books and articles, the most recent of which is Silent Witness-the Diary of a Historic Tree at Fort Sill.

Located near Lawton, Fort Sill is steeped in both military and Native American history.

The two entities first collided there in 1869.

While developing a relationship with the U.S. Army, Mr. Spivey began cultivating relationships with area tribes, notably Comanche, Kiowa and Fort Sill Apaches. Trust and respect are important to Native Americans, but neither is garnered by one’s title or importance of job duties.

Among Native Americans, trust and respect are earned over time.

STANDING FIRM

Mr. Spivey is probably best known for his involvement in the “Battle of Medicine Bluffs” with the Comanche Nation and the U.S. Army engaging in cultural con-

flict at Fort Sill during 2007-08.

This highly unusual event was straight out of 19th century history, creating many unusual circumstances that led to his testimony in federal court arguing for protection of the 320-foot high escarpment so highly revered as a sacred site for many Native American tribes. The conflict effectively blocked the U.S. Army from expanding further into this protected area considered so significant to the history of the military, the plains tribes and to the nation. Mr. Spivey was honored by the Comanche Nation as a “warrior” after this battle and presented a prized war lance covered with 60,000 beads decorated with eagle and crow feathers.

A separate but related battle involved the preservation and accessibility of a 19th century Indian Agency Cemetery near the airfield at Fort Sill where the remains of 111 Comanche and other tribal members still reside. The seven-year battle over the cemetery and the two-year conflict over the Medicine Bluffs both involved Mr. Spivey siding with Natives against the very group that signed his paycheck. Both conflicts were resolved in favor of the tribes and Mr. Spivey retired at the end of 2011.

In early 2012, Mr. Spivey received the “Patrick Henry Award for Patriotism” from The Military Order of the World Wars for his many efforts to protect and interpret the history of Fort Sill and the U.S. Army.

In May 2012, he was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame at the Chickasaw Cultural Center near Sulphur, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual with Chickasaw heritage. Later that same year,

he received the “Distinguished Alumni Award” from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. In 2013, he was honored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as a “Distinguished Tribal Elder” for the Chickasaw Nation. In May 2014, he was also inducted into the “Hall of Patriots” at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex.

Today, he and his wife, Phyllis, are retired and reside in Duncan, Okla.

“Retired” may be a very relative term for the couple who team up – using ancient techniques – to breathe life into some of the most beautiful gourd artwork in the southwest.

In retirement, Mr. Spivey continues to explore and record historic sites, lecture and advise movie/TV producers and documentarians.

Although he has experienced many forms of conflict during his career including a confrontation with a grizzly bear in the mountains of Montana, encounters with alligators on the lower Washita River, and three incidents of life-threatening quicksand on the Red River, he has survived and succeeded in his many efforts to protect our cultural heritage.

“Governors, commanding generals, senators, congressmen, universities, other tribes and nations and organizations have recognized him for his work,” Mr. Asepermy said during the CIVA ceremony May 26.

Mr. Spivey is currently working on several books involving Native American Soldiers, Scouts, Marshals and Police, Historic Buffalo Hunting Techniques and Equipment, in addition to his memoirs.

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Interns working in D.C.



The Chickasaw Nation Internship Program offers young Chickasaw leaders opportunities to study government, community and business relationships. This year, 27 students in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur, Okla., Davis, Calif., Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, D.C. will take part in the program. Washington, D.C. interns are, from left, Danielle Dameron, Luke Seaborn, Andrea Tedore, Ariana Seidel, Dominique McCaskill, and Luc Flynn

Youth Clothing Grant open July 1

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant application period for the 2014-2015 school year opens July 1.

Please note the following changes to this year’s clothing grant program:

- Non-reloadable VISA gift cards will be awarded each year to eligible applicants
 - Funds will no longer carry-over to the next school year
 - Balance inquiries will be available through text and/or email
 - A grade report or report card is required to process application
- Chickasaw citizens ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) are eligible to apply for the \$200 clothing grant once per school year.
- Funds are distributed in the form of a non-reloadable VISA gift card, and are to be used for

clothing purchases only.

Gift cards will be mailed once a completed application has been processed and approved.

Clothing grant funds must be used by the end of the current school year. All remaining funds will be forfeited.

All original receipts must be returned to the division of youth services by mail, email, fax or in-person prior to the next application period.

Completed applications for the active school year must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Additional program details can be found at www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact the division of youth services at (580) 272-5585 or clothing.grant@chickasaw.net.

Hall of Famer visits headquarters



Chickasaw citizen Stanley Speaks, right, and his wife, Lois, of Oregon, recently visited Chickasaw Nation headquarters and Governor Bill Anoatubby in Ada, Okla. After 45 years of service in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. Speaks was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2002.

Celebrating International Archives Day

Holisso Center offers archival research, clues to the past



Chickasaw citizen Bobbie Stover, of Oklahoma City, and photo archivist Christopher Zellner carefully pack an early 1900 century daguerreotype photograph for storage after digitizing the image. A state-of-the-art scanner purchased by the Holisso Research Center allows for oddly shaped and delicate items to be digitized for posterity.

SULPHUR, Okla. -- More than 20 patrons traveled from as far away as San Antonio, Texas, to tour, research and deposit items at the official archives of the Chickasaw Nation as part of International Archives Day.

"International Archives Day is a day to celebrate the archival process. It makes people aware of the importance of archives, what they have in them and what they are used for," archive manager Mason Cole said. "Archives allow people to catch a glimpse of how people thought of the world in a different time period."

Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture (Holisso Research Center) is a repository and place for scholarship. As an key part of the of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma, the Holisso Research Center specializes in collecting one-of-a-kind documents, photos and artifacts important to Chickasaw and other Southeastern tribes.

During International Archive Day, tours of the facility and seminars were conducted. Visitors were treated with a rare behind the scenes glimpse of the Chickasaw Nation Archives, preservation rooms and equipment, as well as workshops on protecting family photos and documents.

The Holisso Research Center is home to many collections. These include records pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation prior to statehood, copies of the Dawes Commission Rolls, more than 5,000 photographs dating from the mid-1800s to the present, copies of 15th and 16th century documents from the Spanish Archives, the British Public Records Office and the French Archives. Media formats include microfilm, newspapers, videotapes and audio recordings of oral histories.

The Holisso Research Center

is a state-of-the-art facility providing a safe and secure environment for the preservation of historical items. The building is climate controlled and features special lighting that will not damage rare objects, texts, photos and other historically important items.

"All documents will degrade over time. We keep (them) preserved by controlling the environment, to keep them in the state when they were created. The building is temperature and humidity controlled," Mr. Cole said. "We catalog, photograph and scan all the items to save for posterity."

New items entering the collections of the Holisso Research Center go through a rigorous decontamination process. Objects are first placed inside large freezers. Items are then taken to a decontamination room and positioned into a large airtight tent. Oxygen is removed from the tent and carbon dioxide is pumped in. This process kills mold, mildew and microscopic insects that damage artifacts.

This is one of two decontamination rooms used in Oklahoma, the other being at the Sam Noble Museum at the University of Oklahoma.

The Holisso Research Center has an ongoing effort to digitize its collections. Guests can browse digital copies of rare items found within its collections at computer stations in the main library. The preservation equipment includes a scanner that does not harm delicate books and photos.

"We are always improving and updating our equipment," photo archivist Christian Zellner said. "In January, we were provided a scanner that allows us to scan delicate books and photos. It has a self-balancing cradle that keeps the items level for scanning. The pressure is evenly distributed. It

will not hurt book bindings and allows the scanning of old fashion photos that are bowed and uneven."

The Holisso Research Center provides a safe, secure location for Chickasaw families to deposit important documents and photos to be shared with others within the tribe. For those who wish to share but would like to keep the original items within the family, archivists scan items and return the originals to the owner.

"We brought a photo of our grandparents, both original Dawes enrollees. The photo is starting to show its age. It is difficult to scan, it's bowed outward in an oval pattern," Chickasaw citizen Bobbie Stover of Oklahoma City said. "We brought it here to get a digital copy, learn how to preserve it and to share it. We are not ready to donate the photo yet; it will stay in the family a while longer."

A Place for Genealogy Research

Most who visit the Holisso Research Center do so for genealogy investigation. The staff of the Holisso Research Center provides genealogy assistance to those interested in tracing their American Indian heritage from sources related to the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma.

"Nearly nine out of 10 people who use our services are here for genealogical information," library specialist Elizabeth Underwood said. "Elders come in for history, to learn about their family members and where they were from. We also have people who are trying to make the connection (for tribal citizenship) to original enrollees of the Dawes Rolls."

The Holisso Research Center is home to complete copies of Chickasaw and Choctaw Dawes Rolls, as well as indexes for Muscogee Creek, Cherokee and Seminole tribes. Taken in Oklahoma prior to statehood to divide tribal lands held in common by the tribes, the Dawes Rolls is the foundation for the citizenship process for these Oklahoma tribes. People seeking citizenship into these tribes must produce state issued documents linking direct lineage to original Dawes enrollees.

The Holisso Research Center provides the most extensive Chickasaw archival research material in the region. These include census information, land deeds and vital records maintained before statehood when Oklahoma was known as the Indian Territory. People from around the country come to the center to research their family tree.

"I am here to explore genealogical information regarding our



Genealogy assistant Cotie Poe assists Tom Strong, of San Antonio, with census records of the 1890s. The Holisso Research Center has some of the best archival research material in the region.

original Dawes enrollees. Our family was originally from the Duncan area," Tom Strong of San Antonio, Texas, said. "Using census information provided by the Holisso Center, we are trying to link family to the rolls. The process overall has been frustrating and hard work, but the employees are helpful and the census records we are looking at have only be found here."

The center also engages in preserving current documents and family heirlooms. Chickasaw

citizens are encouraged to start family files. Treated like any other items in the collections at the Holisso Research Center, these files contain items important to family history.

"The room where we keep the family files has more documented history than any other room at the center," Ms. Underwood said. "It serves as a family repository for future generations, so family histories won't be lost like they were in the early 1900s."

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Tribes honored by Salvation Army



Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepts an award at the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary 27th Annual Celebration of Hope Luncheon May 20 in Oklahoma City.

Photo by Davie Baker

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations were among distinguished honorees at the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Celebration of Hope Luncheon. The tribes were cited for "exemplary leadership, service and generosity" following the devastating May 20, 2013, Moore tornadoes.

The special event was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation to recognize, remember and honor Oklahomans who selflessly served, and continue to serve, tornado victims and affected families. The Chickasaw Nation was honored for its efforts in helping

Oklahomans rebuild.

Also honored were Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin; Oklahoma Natural Gas; OGE Energy Corp. and The Oklahoma City Thunder professional basketball team.

The event was hosted on the anniversary of the tragic storm which caused millions of dollars in damage and claimed 24 lives, including seven school children.

Funds raised from the event will provide necessary funding to continue support of The Salvation Army's wide variety of programs and social services throughout the year, officials said.

Heritage Preservation projects see growing budget

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription

drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$15.42 million for the month and \$114.92 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$9.48 million for the month and \$76.61 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through May totaled \$830.26 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$200.86 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2014, the tribal government funds had \$260.56 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$20.81 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$184.82 million in

cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2014

Revenues

Transfers from businesses to tribal government

Total funds available

Expenditures

General government

Legislature

Judiciary

Education

Heritage Preservation

Health

Youth Services

Family Services

Nutrition Programs

Regulatory

Assistance Programs

Gaming expense

Other businesses' expense

Total expenditures

Increase in net assets

Beginning net assets

Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets April 30, 2014

Cash and Investments

Receivables

Inventory

Prepaid expenses

Other Assets

Fixed assets

Less payables

Net Assets

As of May 31, 2014, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.75 billion.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	11,371,778	830,262,609	841,634,387
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	103,549,823	(103,549,823)	-
Total funds available	114,921,601	726,712,786	841,634,387
Expenditures	3,893,569		3,893,569
General government	1,853,523		1,853,523
Legislature	765,969		765,969
Judiciary	14,322,372		14,322,372
Education	11,243,575		11,243,575
Heritage Preservation	13,057,215		13,057,215
Health	2,231,731		2,231,731
Youth Services	5,660,871		5,660,871
Family Services	4,118,588		4,118,588
Nutrition Programs	6,397,004		6,397,004
Regulatory	13,065,334		13,065,334
Assistance Programs		471,890,341	471,890,341
Gaming expense		157,505,337	157,505,337
Other businesses' expense			
Total expenditures	76,609,751	629,395,678	706,005,429
Increase in net assets	38,311,850	97,317,108	135,628,958
Beginning net assets	697,884,312	922,218,077	1,620,102,389
Ending net assets	736,196,162	1,019,535,185	1,755,731,347

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	260,560,999	184,823,087	445,384,086
Receivables	24,051,380	95,351,348	119,402,728
Inventory	143,929	7,949,790	8,093,719
Prepaid expenses	-	16,314,260	16,314,260
Other Assets	-	1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets	452,537,157	856,029,454	1,308,566,611
Less payables	(1,097,303)	(142,135,254)	(143,232,557)
Net Assets	736,196,162	1,019,535,185	1,755,731,347

First Artesian Arts Festival a big success

Magnificent Native art lures 4,500 to Sulphur



More than 4,500 attended the Artesian Arts Festival, conducted in Sulphur May 24.



Chickasaw artist Joanna Underwood demonstrates the art of pottery during the Artesian Arts Festival.

SULPHUR, Okla. - More than 4,500 people explored Southeastern art, were entertained by some of the area's best musicians and enjoyed a variety of treats at the inaugural Artesian Arts Festival May 24, at the Artesian Plaza in Sulphur.

In the shadow of the magnificent Artesian Hotel, the Artesian Arts Festival highlighted artists and art from Southeastern tribes. More than 35 artists from several tribes participated.

The Festival featured diversity in art media and a colorful variety of visual art.

Caddo artist Chase Earles, who recently took top honors at Red Earth, said he was able to introduce his traditional Caddo pottery to a larger audience and looked forward to seeing this event become an annual tradition.

"I most definitely see the potential of the festival becoming one of the best arts festivals in the area, if not Oklahoma, and I was happy to be a part of it," he said.

Award-winning Chickasaw basket weaver Sue Fish attended the festival and said she enjoyed demonstrating and sharing her craft as well as the overall festival

atmosphere.

"It was an honor for me to participate in the inaugural Artesian Arts Festival, Ms. Fish said.

"The music was fantastic and the food was delicious. The setting was great and convenient for visitors. It very well organized. The staff did an outstanding job showing southern Chickasaw hospitality."

Ms. Fish said she enjoyed learning from other Festival artists during the "Gallery Talks."

Artists from Jeannie Barbour to Dana Tolbert and Mike Larsen, among others, discussed a range of topics including flute making, weaving with honeysuckle and bronze sculpting. Chickasaw artist Nancy McDoniel conducted a live drawing and Joanna Underwood and Margaret Roach Wheeler demonstrated clay pottery and textile weaving, respectively.

There were lots of activities for all ages, including a special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth.

Southeastern artists who attended the Artesian Arts festival included Chickasaw artists Jeanie Barbour, Mary Ruth Barnes, Misti Butler, Doris Davis, Margaret "Ellen" Etzler, Sue Fish, Brent

Greenwood, Charles Kemp, Brian Landreth, Mike Larsen, Kelley Lunsford, Dustin Mater, Nancy McDoniel, Timothy Nevaquaya, Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, Paul Lance Straughn, Dennis Underwood, Joanna Underwood, Ben White and Margaret Roach Wheeler.

Cherokee artists included Verna Bates, Tom Farris, Gary Farris, Matthew Girty, Mary Beth Nelson, Lisa Rutherford, Dana Tolbert and Karin Walkingstick.

Choctaw artists included Dylan Cavin, Patta LT, Candace Shanholtzer and James Wallace.

Chase "Kahwinhut" Earles, Caddo; Rhonda Williams, Otoe Missouri; Linda Williams, Delaware; and Cynthia Yerby, Seminole also participated.

Several entertainers, from traditional native flute performance to red dirt country music performed during the festival including Chickasaw citizens Zachary Garcia, Katie Barrick, "Overdrive," Clancy Davis, "Neighborhood Outlaws," Nathan Burris, "Injunuity," Darryl Tonemah, "High Water Gamble" and "Zoom City."

The Artesian Plaza is located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street, Sulphur.

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Timothy Tate Nevaquaya, Comanche/Chickasaw, displays his paintings at the Artesian Arts Festival.

Chikasha Ittifama winners listed



Wayne King, Chickasaw Nation Director of tribal development, stoops down to peer into the cornstalk stack while officiating the traditional cornstalk shoot during the May 2014 Chickasaw Reunion.

KULLIHOMA - Winners in several events during the Chickasaw Reunion in May have been announced.

More than 50 Chickasaw children participated in the fishing derby at Kullihoma Lake that kicked off the second day of activity.

Jalen Johnson won the derby by enticing three large-mouth bass to take his hook. They included fish of 9, 12 and 14 inches in length.

Niea Gwinn and Zaden Wayne Tomlin tied for catching the most fish with nine each.

Other winners included master horseshoe flingers. First place went to Bunkey Impson, second to Michael Lindsey and third place to Jesse Lindsey.

Stickball tournament teams finished in the following order:

First Place - Tvshkahomma

(Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)

Second Place - Nighthawks (Cherokee)

Third Place - Chikasha Toli (Chickasaw Nation)

Fourth Place - Okla Hannali (SixTown)

Cornstalk shoot winners were Wayne Scribner, first place; Tim Cornelius, second place; and Matt Scribner, third place.

In Washer tournament action, Brandon White Eagle finished in first; James Wallace, second; and Tom John, third.

In the Chunky tournament, revived for this year's reunion, Andrea Mann finished first and Michael Chestnut, second.

Chunky is a game this has been played for centuries by Native people. It is the art of placing a spear closest to a disc that is rolled on the ground.

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2014 Diabetes Camp

Diabetes Camp hosted more than 40 campers at The Inn at Treasure Valley Casino, Davis, Okla.

The camp is an annual offering of the Chickasaw Nation to help people who suffer from diabetes with education and tools to manage the disease and take proactive steps to lead a healthier life.

"I have never met anyone who didn't learn something about managing diabetes," Shondra McCage, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Diabetes Care Center Program manager, said. "It is a fun and informative way to learn about the disease. Medical staff was present to answer questions throughout the event."

While the camp has always been aimed primarily at adults with diabetes, youngsters age 13 and up also were welcome this year.

Diabetes specialists, eye care experts, dental hygienists and many other health professionals trained and educated diabetes sufferers on controlling blood sugar, proper eye care, wound care, and topics of critical concern about the condition. Natives are at an elevated risk of suffering from diabetes.



Chickasaw citizen Alex Brown, Sulphur, accepts his "Most Motivating Camper" award from Shondra McCage, MPH, CHES, Diabetes Care Center Program Manager.



Diabetes camp participant and Chickasaw citizen Melva Dillard, Sulphur, was awarded "most improved" at the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp for Adults, where over 40 campers attended the week full of fun and good health at The Inn at Treasure Valley Casino in Davis, Okla.



Chickasaw citizen Paula Whitthorne, Kingston, was awarded "most improved" at the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp for Adults.

South Pacific island delegates investigate language revitalization, preservation

New Zealand Maori, Chickasaws share cultures



Māori tribal members thank the Chickasaw Dance Troupe for their welcome at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The Māori, indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand, shared their language, culture and protocols while at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center was built to share the rich history of the Chickasaw people. It is a place where others from around the world catch a glimpse at the Chickasaw culture, to see life and history through the eyes of the Chickasaw. The Cultural Center is also a venue for others around the world

to share their story and experience. More than 20 delegates from the Institute of Excellence in the Māori Language traveled from the South Pacific island nation of New Zealand to the U.S. as part of a cultural and language exchange program. Their trip included visiting Native American tribes in New Mexico and

Oklahoma. The Māori, indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand, shared their language, culture and protocols during the visit. Members of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe welcomed the Māori with a traditional Friendship Dance, among others. The Māori in turn greeted the Chickasaw

people with song and dance. A passionate people, the Māori are world renowned for their animated facial gestures, body movements and booming, rhythmic chants. While there are many contrasts between the Chickasaw and Māori cultures, there are also similarities. Both the Chickasaw and the Māori have strong martial traditions, use song and dance to express themselves, and have their own cultural identities and traditions as a people. They both face eventual extinction of their language without concerted efforts to maintain and grow fluent speakers. While at the Cultural Center, members of the Chickasaw Nation Language Committee were in attendance to share stories, experiences and language revitalization initiatives. “There are all sorts of initiative being undertaken to preserve our language,” Dr. Timoti Kāretu of the Institute of Excellence in the Māori Language said. “There are language schools, immersion schools. All the learning is taught in Māori. Students start at five, and go through about 18. There are nearly 500 throughout New Zealand. The state buses those who want to attend. Most of the people here are products of emersions schools.” The Chickasaw Nation shared its version of immersion schools. These include the Chickasaw language master-apprenticeship program and the Chipota Chikashshannompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club which meets once a month in Ada and Ardmore. The master-apprentice program pairs an apprentice with a fluent Chickasaw speaker. They dedicate themselves to teaching and learning the Chickasaw language. Participants of the master-apprentice program explained its success. Dr. Kāretu was impressed with the num-

ber of full-blood Native Americans at the Cultural Center and their involvement with Chickasaw language revitalization. “I don’t think we have any full-blood Māori,” Dr. Kāretu said. “But it is not a problem. As long as you have a Māori antecedent you are Māori.” Like most indigenous people, the Māori fight to keep their language and traditions alive. The initiatives the Māori people and New Zealand have undertaken to preserve their heritage are inspiring. In 1987 Māori language became an official language in New Zealand. State-sponsored television stations are devoted to Māori language and issues. There are also numerous radio stations and a national, week-long celebration of the Māori culture. A bi-annual art and dance competition features the best works of the Māori. These initiatives are helping keep the language alive. According to a social report from the New Zealand government, almost one-quarter of all Māori reported in the 2006 Census that they could hold a conversation in Māori. “The Māori language is in a state of upkeep. It is not growing, but is not shrinking either,” Dr. Kāretu said. “The fifties, sixties and seventies were hard. We lost a lot of speakers during that time.” The Chickasaw Nation has mirrored many of these services and continues to expand its language efforts. Web-based television, a tribal newspaper and KCNP Community Radio keep tribal citizens informed. The Chickasaw Nation recently released a language application for smart phones and has a presence on social media outlets. CONTRIBUTED BY K.C. Cole, Public Affairs.

Caught in deadly Moore tornado, Chickasaw health worker used wits to survive storm



Resenda Lopez

Before the storm

MOORE, Okla. - The day began as a typical Monday. When it ended, it was deadly. Oklahomans are still grappling with May 20, 2013. The storm that day was extreme, even by Oklahoma standards. Oklahoma City Community Health Representative (CHR) and Chickasaw citizen Resenda Lopez began her work week that Monday. Mrs. Lopez’s job as a CHR is to act as the health care “front line” for Chickasaw citizens in the Oklahoma City area. She provides medically-guided primary health care services. Her job requires extensive travel. “Nothing really gets in the way of my job, not even the weather,” Mrs. Lopez said. “Not even the snow. So, rain really wasn’t much of a thought that day.” Mrs. Lopez attended a CHR meeting in Pauls Valley, south of Oklahoma City, that morning. She made a visual note of “storm chasers” in Pauls Valley and saw them again as she was heading back to Oklahoma City. She didn’t give the weather a second thought. She steered her car north on I-35, listening to praise music. But her progress home was stymied by monstrous wind gusts. She noticed a boiling, threatening, violent sky. Hail began assaulting her car.

By this time, Mrs. Lopez was in Moore. She was the last person to pass as police set up barricades along the interstate. She pulled off the road and turned on her radio only to be greeted by static. When she telephoned the Oklahoma City Area Office, she was told a tornado was on the ground and heading toward her. She took the first exit off I-35. She recalls passing Moore Medical Center while on the interstate. Mrs. Lopez thought it would be the best place to seek shelter, but she didn’t have time to backtrack. She got off at 19th street and began to search for a place to ride the storm out. She first went to the LaQuinta motel but it was locked up for the storm. She passed Catfish Cove restaurant and remembered it was closed on Mondays. She pulled up to the Kohl’s department store. The door was locked but the manager was in the front of the store and let her in. She was given a pillow and directed to go to the back room with the others. She telephoned her husband to let him know where she was. It was only seconds before the phone’s wireless signal vanished. “It sounded like a train coming,” Mrs. Lopez said, describing the tornado’s approach. “The power went out and we just sat in the dark for a few minutes before the generators kicked on.” While she was in the back of the department store with multiple strangers, she learned a little bit about each of them. Some were elderly and the younger ones had school-age children. Some people were so frightened they sobbed incessantly. Others sat in silence.

EF-5 on the ground

EF means “Enhanced Fujita Scale” after developer Tetsuya Theodore Fujita, a scientist who invented the system of measuring tornado power in 1971. Weather experts modified the scale in the 1990s. EF-5 tornadoes are the most deadly, with winds in excess of 200 miles per hour. Moore has seen two of them,

one on May 3, 1999, and the other on May 20, 2013. The storm developed near Chickasha, west of the metro area, and rapidly intensified. The cyclone first touched down on the west side of Newcastle at 2:56 p.m. What started out as a small funnel developed into an EF-5 in less than 10 minutes. It blasted eastward. Meteorologists issued a “tornado emergency” for the city of Moore, the most significant warning a city can receive. It is a step above “tornado warning.” Newscasters issued dire warnings: “If you are not underground and you’re in the path of this tornado, you are endangering your life.” Storm chasers reported cars lifted and tossed across the sky, bridges were destroyed and a monstrous debris field encompassed the base of the largest tornado measured by experts. At 3:10 p.m., the monster reached Moore. The tornado was on the ground for 39 minutes before finally dissipating near Lake Stanley Draper. Its destructive path was 17 miles long and 2 miles wide in some places.

Devastation strikes Moore, Okla.

When the all-clear sounded, Mrs. Lopez made her way out of the department store and was shocked by the devastation. “Stepping outside after the storm, there was nothing but silence,” Mrs. Lopez said. “It was so quiet. I could hear the conversations of people down the way from me.” She wasted no time getting to her car to start back north toward Oklahoma City. She was stopped at a light when a young lady ran up to her car begging for a ride to Moore Medical Center. The girl’s mother worked there. The tornado struck it. Mrs. Lopez let her in the car and turned around toward the medical center. She took the girl as far as she could, but traffic became jammed. The passenger threw

open the passenger door and ran toward the center. Mrs. Lopez could see the medical center was destroyed. Twisted beams and rubble were all that remained. A car had been deposited on the roof. Mrs. Lopez still wonders what became of the girl and her mother. Mrs. Lopez set her sights on home again. Power lines were down. Trees uprooted. Streets flooded. Some people ran through debris screaming for loved ones. Others simply stood awe-struck. As she made her way north, National Guard troops made their way south through traffic and debris toward Moore.

Home at last

Mrs. Lopez lives on the north side of Oklahoma City. As road congestion swelled, the drive home lasted almost five hours. She listened to all the updates coming through on her radio as she drove. Details of tragedy were coming to light. Two public schools were hit by the tornado. Students remained trapped inside Plaza Towers Elementary. Neighborhoods were reduced to rubble. With so many landmarks and street signs destroyed, people

struggled to find their homes or, sadly, what remained of them. Mrs. Lopez was unable to inform her family she was safe. Phone lines were jammed. All her family knew was she was in Moore when the tornado tore through town. She reached home after 8 p.m. Her husband was anxiously waiting for her. Her sister was waiting by the phone to hear of her safe return, as were the Lopez’ children. Her family was able to breathe a sigh of relief that night, while so many other families would not have that luxury.

A Year Later

It’s been more than a year since the tornado and the horrific news 24 people were killed. The dead included seven children. Mrs. Lopez still works as a CHR in the Oklahoma City area. But that day changed her. “My life was changed on that day, along with other Oklahomans,” Mrs. Lopez said. “I think back about the people that were there, the homes that I saw. Just the devastation I saw. “(I think of) the people who were in Kohl’s with me. How are they today? How different would it have been if I’d sought shelter at the medical center.” CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

Chamber address



Governor Anaoatubby served as keynote speaker Friday, May 30 at that NCED Training Center in Norman, Okla., during the Norman Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon.

Honoring our heritage, working hard, doing the job right...Chickasaws have together built a great nation!

We've got a lot to be thankful for in the Chickasaw Nation...and I believe there is a lot more ahead of us! We are a very unique and special tribe. We are known throughout the country as a progressive, forward-thinking people who figure out how to get things done by working together.

When I was growing up in Marietta, my family was one of many poor Chickasaw families. We were taught to be proud of being Chickasaw, but the tribe was nothing like it is today.

We stuck together through the tough times, as did so many families. We knew that by staying together and working hard, good things would happen.

Now that's an understatement! The Chickasaw Nation has grown by leaps and bounds over the past 20 years or so. Our tribe used to struggle, always trying to manage scarce federal dollars to take care of the needs of the people.

Today, we have reached far beyond where anyone thought we could go. Two decades ago, we set out on a path to develop our own tribal businesses. Our leadership knew that by establishing good, quality businesses, the Chickasaw Nation could "call its own shots." And that's exactly what happened!

Our many tribal businesses today produces very healthy net income. And all that income serves the Chickasaw people!

With the growth and success of our businesses, we are able to send hundreds of Chickasaw students each year to college and other higher education. We can deliver the very best Indian health care in the country. We can produce the richest culture and heritage outreach programs in the country.

And so much more! The key is working together. When we work together, good things happen. That's just how the world goes 'round!

When we drive our tribal profits into high quality, extensive and successful programs and services...every Chickasaw wins! It's something we Chickasaws do very well, and we can be very proud of it!

Our Chickasaw success didn't happen by accident. It happened because of you, and all your fellow Chickasaws who have stuck it out, hung together and worked hard for the common good of all Chickasaws.

That's what the Chickasaw Nation is all about!

New and important projects popping up in groundbreaking, dedications of many new tribal facilities

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family.

Summer is a busy time in the Chickasaw Nation. Youth camps are in full swing and we seem to be cutting ribbons and breaking ground on new projects every other week. We recently broke ground on a child development center in Ardmore, which will provide a caring educational environment for more than 200 Chickasaw and non-native children. It is so important to provide our children the best care during this critical time in their development. We also have ribbon cuttings scheduled in the coming weeks for the new Sovereign Clinic in Norman, the Headquarters Gym here in Ada, and Exhibit C, a new Art gallery, retail store, and tourism center located in Bricktown.

I want to thank the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council for all their work putting on the summer picnic at the Devon Boat House. We had beautiful weather, good food, great fellowship, and everyone enjoyed themselves on the Oklahoma River. I had the pleasure of meeting Joshua Turner, who will compete with his teammate in the International Canoe Federation, Junior World Championships later this month. Joshua, I wish you and Dylan the best as you travel to Hungary to compete.

July is election time in the Chickasaw Nation. Please carefully consider the candidates for and cast your vote. Ballots will be mailed to you on July 14, and will be counted July 29, 2014.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Father's Day celebration at Panola Senior Center features camping motif, 'men vs. women' standoff

Last month I mentioned that Tribal Elections were getting under way. Keep a look out for your voting ballot; it was mailed out on July 14. DON'T FORGET, THE BALLOT HAS TO BE IN BY JULY 29. That only gives you two weeks to receive the ballot AND mail it back in. You don't have very much time to let it sit around the house and then

think about voting! Remember, some candidates don't have your phone number so contact is Nye impossible for them to do. Reach out and contact those candidates let them hear from you! Please encourage your extended families to participate in our tribal voting process. It is a good thing to have as many Chickasaw citizens actively voting in their tribal elections. Citizen participation is key!

Father's Day was a big event at the Panola Senior Center! How many people can say they had a full size tent set up in their front room? We can! Thank you to the staff and center director, Cathy Bodine, for the camping motif that was provided for the party! The theme this year for the Father's Day event was Hunting and Fishing.

Having the campsite set up inside the Center sparked a lot of interest and brought back fond memories. Everyone had stories to share of hunting/fishing escapade from the past. The men claimed the area as a man cave, no women allowed! As you can see from the picture our Chickasaw women didn't let signs slow them down from checking out the tent! The Panola Seniors, along with the Ardmore Center Seniors just recently returned from a weeklong adventure in Nashville, Tennessee. They had a great time. The seniors work hard to raise funds for these adventures. Hosting Indian Taco Night is one of the main funding sources. If you are in the area don't forget to stop by on Indian Taco Fund Raiser.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall also give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you.

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groundings to deep for words;

Romans8: 11 & 26
Beth Alexander



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Small churches of the Chickasaw Nation have served as community gathering places for generations

Hello Everyone, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is campaign season and by the time you get this article it will be almost time to vote!



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The ballots are scheduled to be mailed from Albuquerque, NM on Monday, July 14. Don't take any chances on your ballot being too late to be counted. Mark your ballot as soon as you get it and mail it back right away!

So, my family and friends and I are currently doing a lot of campaigning.

Campaigning, in essence, is communicating. So, when campaigning, I am working to communicate with you about core issues like healthcare, family support, education, out-of-area issues and more.

Lately, I've been thinking about community and what it means and looks like among Chickasaws. When I think of community, my thoughts start with my grandpa, Intolubby Underwood.

He used to say, "When we didn't have much, we had our churches,"

Grandpa lived from 1895 to 1959. He was talking about a time when we only had the capitol building in Tishomingo that symbolized the Chickasaw Nation. But, as he stated, there were Chickasaw churches like, High Hill, Boiling Springs, Johnsons' Chapel, Yellow Springs, Seeley Chapel and others.

In addition to being places of worship, the churches were community centers. People met there to discuss important issues, to fellowship and play ball. Families in transition lived in camp houses on the grounds of the churches and there were children playing all around. There were large bells at the churches that called people to worship services, important meetings, and meals.

Back then, our churches symbolized our sense of community. Today, we have many new and or renovated buildings that stand as symbols of the Chickasaw Nation.

And, we are extremely fortunate to still have our churches, like Hickory Hill, where Chickasaws gather on Sundays and other days to support each other in a true sense of community.

Today, social media is expanding the definition of community. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest and more connect individuals who want to be part of global communities.

I want you to be part of my community. Call me (580) 421-4903. Email me at katie@peoplefirst-katiecase.com, find me on facebook or follow me on twitter.

Respectfully,
Katie



Katie Case and Jurhee Greenwood visiting and sharing memories at Hickory Hill Church.



Panola Center from left, Kenneth Williams, Bill Duckworth, (ladies in tent: Lawanda Duckworth and Lynn Williams), Sam Tillery and Rastus Love.

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Chikasha Toli at Jim Thorpe Games



Chikasha Toli (Chickasaw stickball team) placed second during the 2014 Jim Thorpe Games in Shawnee, Okla. June 14.

The Chickasaw Nation offers many unique, helpful programs directed to serve our elders fully

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
It's July and summer is in full swing and so are many important Chickasaw Nation programs which help both our youth and elders.

Summertime is garden time and also the peak time for the Nutrition Program. This program helps our citizens purchase fresh fruit and vegetables at many Farm Stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The program begins in May and runs until October and is available to both elders and WIC clients. An additional program provides our Chickasaw elders with fruits and vegetable packages in the winter, to ensure access to healthy foods all year. Please call (580) 272-5714 for more information about these programs. Summer is also a good time to have routine health exams, such as an eye exam.

If prescription glasses are needed, the Eyeglasses Program helps with the expense. This program, which is available to all Chickasaws, provides a \$150 allowance toward contacts or one pair of glasses every two years. The eyewear is made by Oklahoma Optical, which is a tribally-owned lens manufacturing business. Please call (580) 559-0792 for additional details on this helpful program.

To get additional assistance with health care expenses, Elders, 65 years and older and those who are permanently disabled and on Medicare and who live outside of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for the Health Spending Account (HSA). This gives Chickasaw elders the ability to control when and where health care services are obtained. The program allows participants to receive a reimbursement of up to \$200 of approved health care expenses per month. For more information or to obtain an application, phone toll free (800)-851-9136 ext. 62250 or call (580) 470-2115.

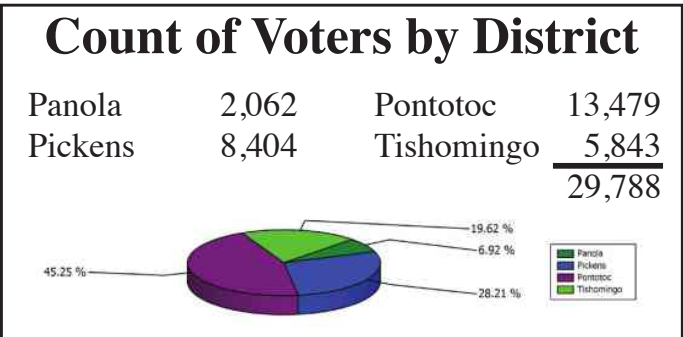
In addition, for those Chickasaw citizens who are trying to decide which Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is the right plan for them, help is available. During the enrollment period, benefit coordinators with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health will assist with research and enrollment in the best plan to match their individual needs. For additional information, please call (888) 512-5522.

The programs listed above are just a few offered by the Chickasaw Nation that are designed to help enhance the lives of our important Chickasaw elders.

Additional information about programs and services can be found on www.Chickasaw.net, or by calling (866) 466-1481.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Have a wonderful summer.
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
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If you want to establish a deeper connection with the Chickasaw Nation, join a community council!

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, How are you?
Summer is a great time for traveling to visit old friends or experiencing new adventures. It's also a great time to join a Community Council. We now have 23 organized councils meeting in 12 different states. The councils are a great way to learn more about the programs and services, culture and language, and current happenings across the Nation.

It's also a great place to make family connections and form lasting bonds of friendship. Many of the councils have been meeting together for many years.

Getting to meet fellow Chickasaws across the country has been such a blessing to me. Thank you to Sharon Tandy of the Chickasaw West Council of Southern California for organizing the Santee Lakes Annual Picnic. Picnics are a great time to have fun over hamburgers and hot dogs while reconnecting and comparing family trees. We had a wonderful time visiting with all the folks in the Chickasaw West Council. Hope to see you again next year!

Thanks also to Angie Ott of the Phoenix, Arizona Council for volunteering to Chair the council and keeping the members informed of meetings. Dean McManus and I had the opportunity to attend the Arizona Council meeting last month. The Arizona Council members are working very hard to learn the Chickasaw language. They have incorporated a language class after their meetings. They've even formed a Facebook group, "We Speak Chickasaw!" We had a great time visiting with the Arizona Council. We love hearing your ideas and sharing the news of home.

On June 7, the Oklahoma City Council had their Annual Picnic at the Devon Boathouse on the Oklahoma River. The weather cooperated and there was a great attendance. Kayaks and Dragon Boats were available for rides, hamburgers and hotdogs were provided free of charge, and a Silent Auction and vendors rounded out the day of activities. Thank you goes out to Betty Smith and all the members of the OKC Council who worked hard to make the Annual Picnic a success. The Oklahoma City Council is a great group of Chickasaws who meet monthly. The Elder group is also very active, and it's apparent that they enjoy meeting together.

The New Mexico Community Council meets quarterly in Albuquerque. Thank you to Rita Yepa for organizing the meeting this month. It was so good to see young ones at the meeting. I could tell that the New Mexico Council tries hard to include the young and make it relative to their age group. They were all learning to make the corn husk doll, a Chickasaw tradition. Everyone was really getting into the craft, even the men. It was fun to see the creativity and variety in the finished products. It only goes to show that Chickasaws can have fun when they get together no matter what they're doing.

I hope you will consider joining a Community Council. A list of current groups with contact information is listed in *the Chickasaw Times* each month. Some people drive 2-3 hours one way for their quarterly meetings. Now that is dedication!

Thank you to all the councils and those of you who are giving of your time to help organize and arrange meetings. I hope to see you all soon. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Homelands trip reinforces the tremendous hardships suffered by our ancestors during Removal

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We have been blessed with lots of rain after so many years with little rain. The drought is officially over, at least for the

Ada area.
Several Legislators and our attorney Robert Cheadle attended the annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. The grand entry of the flags of all 39 Oklahoma Indian tribes was very impressive. Some of the flags were carried by the principal chiefs or the governors of each Indian nation and some are carried by other tribal dignitaries. Governor Anoatubby and Chairman Steve Woods presented the Chickasaw flag. The speakers were very informative and included Congressman Tom Cole, a Chickasaw, and Governor Anoatubby.

The Oklahoma City Community Council annual picnic turned out well and the rain held off until Saturday night. At the Legislative Committee Day we received reports from several departments regarding their monthly activities. Resolutions were considered and were place on the agenda for the Legislative Session on the third Friday of the month.

The groundbreaking for the new Chickasaw Head Start building was held with several Legislators present. The Grand Opening for the new Sovereign Clinic and Pharmacy near Riverwind was a great success. The new clinic will allow employees and their families in that area to have easy access to quality health care. We expect those living in the Goldsby, Newcastle and Norman areas to utilize the clinic.

The Legislature also held the annual public hearing for next year's tribal budget on June 24. Also on the day, the Legislature was visited by the Judicial Camp kids which is always a special time. Dignitaries from the Muskogee Creek Nation visited the Legislative Building on June 18.

I attended a birthday celebration for 80-year-old Lily Wisdom at the Connerville Senior Site on June 14. A grand time was had by all who attended because 80th birthdays are very special to us.

I would love to hear from you! My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Health care managers available to At-Large citizens, elders for program information

Chickasaw citizens living outside the tribal boundaries or Chickasaw elders over age 60 can access Tribal Health Resource Management Case Managers at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. These managers are available to answer questions regarding Chickasaw Nation health programs.

At-Large Chickasaw Citizens (all age groups)

If you are a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries and would like more information on Chickasaw Nation Department of Health programs and services, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 61097.

Chickasaw Elders Age 60 and Older
If you are a Chickasaw elder over the age of 60, and live within tribal boundaries, contact Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80110.
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FIRST ENCOUNTER

Chickasaw Community Councils offer great ways to enjoy fellowship, connect with the Chickasaw Nation

Chokma, Chinchokma, I have been so fortunate to visit three of our Community Councils recently. I visited councils in Sacramento, Calif., Tempe, Ariz., and Albuquerque, N.M. I had the great pleasure of meeting so many wonderful Chickasaws. And they gave me plenty of ideas!

When Gov. Anoatubby conceived the idea of having the Community Councils, this is exactly what he had in mind. The councils are designed so you can express your suggestions, ideas and concerns. I know the Governor always appreciates the input.

It warms my heart to see how proud everyone is to be Chickasaw and so appreciative of the services they receive.

I would like to mention a few Chickasaws in particular.

I met Sherri Begay from Gilbert, Ariz., who has started Chickasaw language classes on her own simply because she doesn't want our language to disappear.

I met Vadare Cornelison, who was born in Ada but lived all her life in New Mexico. She crochets little hats for newborns and sends them to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. She is working to organize a group to help her.

I also met Dewayne and Margaret Calwell, of Albuquerque. They are old friends of Kennedy Brown. He said he went to school with Kennedy and he and Kennedy had to wash dishes together.

A wonderful experience happened at Sacramento when Ron Allison presented me with a flute. I was so honored! Thank you Mr. Allison for making my day.

I even met a cousin, Nikki Lowe in Albuquerque. I haven't seen her in years. She is so talented! I never knew how talented she was until she played beautiful flute music for the Community Council. She is also a jewelry maker and a beautiful model.

Thanks so much to the people of the Community Councils for all the great work they do. Join a council today. You'll be glad you did!

Dean



Vadare Cornelison



Dewayne and Margaret Calwell



Nikki Lowe

Horticultural Department promotes container gardening, a great way to enjoy fresh summer vegetables

Chokma, I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! To all of you that would like to have a garden, but do not have the space. I would like to recap an earlier article in which I discussed container gardening. I discovered this practice through the Chickasaw Nation Horticultural Department.

This year I planted tomatoes, green onions, bell peppers, jalapeños and banana peppers in the containers. They are starting to do extremely well. If you do not have the space and would like to have fresh vegetables, give the Horticultural Department a call at (580) 559-0888. They will be glad to assist you. Please see picture below of my containers and how well they have done thus far.

We recently had one of our Chickasaw elders from Albuquerque, New Mexico participate in the Oklahoma Freewheel Bicycle Tour. Dave Atkins completed the 500-mile trek across Oklahoma from Comanche, Texas to Caldwell, Kansas. This was a great accomplishment by one of our citizens.

Cyclists come from all over the country to participate in this seven-day event. Many of the cyclists had teams that competed in the tour. I believe Dave was the only Chickasaw that participated in this event. If anyone is interested in joining Dave for next year's ride, give me a call or email me and I can give you the information for this great event. It would be nice to see a Chickasaw Team represent the Chickasaw Nation for the Oklahoma Freewheel Bicycle Tour.

During the last several months it has been a pleasure to attend Chickasaw councils in Texas, California, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. At these councils it is a great time for you to discuss your ideas and thoughts with your Legislators. As a Chickasaw citizen this is also a good opportunity for you to meet with your elected officials on how the Chickasaw Nation can serve you better. As I have always said, we have to look for ways to continually improve our services. This is why your input is valuable to our success as a Nation.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your Legislator. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns or needs.

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Chickasaw student Chase Bryer graduates Youth Leadership Oklahoma



Chickasaw citizen Chase Bryer, of Forgan, Okla. is a Youth Leadership Oklahoma graduate. Youth Leadership Oklahoma selects the top 50 high school juniors through a competitive process based on leadership, geographic, ethnic and cultural diversity. The students are selected to participate in a one of a kind leadership opportunity that takes them across the great state of Oklahoma including a stop at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department news

Graduations; court advocate services; summer court camp; Chickasaw Bar Association seminar

Chukma! What an exciting month June 2014 has been for the Judicial Branch. Summer is here and in full swing. Our Justices and Judges have spent time traveling and attending conferences in an effort to bring back information to our Chickasaw court. This information is discussed and researched by the Supreme Court as possible services we can provide to our citizens.



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice
Supreme Court

DISTRICT COURT

The Chickasaw Nation court advocates assisted a total of 85 citizens in the month of May. Kymberly Cravatt is available at the Ada office. Advocate Michael Smith is available for appointments in Ada, Purcell

and Ardmore. The court advocate services are available at no cost to the citizens. The advocates will prepare the necessary paperwork for the citizen; however, the advocates do not represent you in court. They are available to facilitate the court process and explain to you what to expect if you appear in court.

May 28, 2014 District Court Judge Dustin P. Rowe traveled to Tucson, Arizona to attend Inter-Tribal Technical-Assistance Working Group, ITWG. The agenda at Conference included VAWA jury pool changes; "Ensuring the Right to Counsel"; "Best Practices in Domestic Violence Cases"; NCIC- how to get an access portal and many other topics.

June 10, 2014 Special Judge Sherry A. Todd traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the National Tribal Child Support Association Conference. Special Judge Todd hears 45 to 75 child support cases every month. Judge Todd was on a panel at the conference that discussed Alternatives to Incarceration. The conference covered many important child support related issues such as: Inter jurisdictional Case Processing; DNA- a Look Behind the Genes; Working with Military/Veterans; Mediation and many other topics. The Supreme Court, Special Judge Todd and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Child Support are working together to establish another child support docket in Ardmore once a month. I will publish more information in the August article.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. The deputies will schedule an appointment with the court advocates for you upon request. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News:

- May 2014 Court Statistics
- 59 New court cases filed
- 187 cases Heard in court
- 85 citizens were assisted by the court advocates

SUPREME COURT

May 23, 2014, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Justice Barbara Smith attended the Artists Meet and Greet at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma and the next day, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon attended the Artesian Festival in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The Artesian Festival was well attended and the artists were fabulous in showing off their artwork and also being allowed to demonstrate how the art is created. My little son, AJ, was fascinated with Wendell Pettigrew's flute and of course we purchased a flute and AJ plays it everyday. You are never too young to start developing your music talent.

May 27, 2014, Supreme Court Justice Mark H. Colbert traveled to Anaheim, California to attend a Veterans Court Conference held by the National Association or Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). The Supreme Court is researching other veteran's court systems to see if it is feasible to establish a veteran's court within the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department. The veteran's courts would offer specialized programs and services to our returning servicemen.

May 28, 2014 Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon attended training for scholarship selection for the Chickasaw Foundation which was held at the Education building.

Chief Justice, Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon, and Justice Mark H. Colbert attended the groundbreaking of the Chickasaw Nation Childcare Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma on June 11, 2014. Justice Colbert and I are very happy to be able to share in the excitement of the future child care facility in Ardmore.

June 11, 2014, the Supreme Court Justices hosted the National Association of Social Workers at our court. Amy Ward, Permanency Supervisor with Child Welfare, was instrumental in suggesting the venue. The Supreme Court was delighted to have the opportunity to share the history of the court and to show our appreciation to the social workers who appear in our courts on behalf of our citizens. The NASW group and the Supreme Court had a question and answer roundtable discussion of issues affecting Native Americans in Indian Country. The Supreme Court Justices were proud to show the NASW group our beautiful judicial building. The NASW group was able to

Returning to roots, Piomingo now Piominko, Tishomingo now Tishominko

Nation corrects names of two Chickasaw leaders



Joshua Hinson, director of the Department of Chickasaw Language, finds a reference to the word ‘Minko’ in a Chickasaw language book.

ADA, Okla. – Their birth names are unknown to the tribe that celebrates them above all others. Joshua Hinson, director of the Department of Chickasaw Language, spells and pronounces their Chickasaw names. Hopayi’ Minko’ and Tishohminko’ are foreign-sounding to those who Anglicized the names centuries ago. Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities, in tandem with historians, anthropologists and the Chickasaw Nation, are now correcting age-old errors. The tribe took the first steps April 28 when a statue of Hopayi’ Minko’ was dedicated on the

grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol. The tribe now refers to him as Piominko. Until the dedication, most would have said “Piomingo.” “We are going back to our roots and calling people by their proper titles,” Governor Bill Anoatubby said at the dedication. The word “Minko” means “leader” in Chickasaw. Hopayi’ Minko’, shortened over time to “Piominko”, means “prophet leader” in the native tongue, Mr. Hinson explained. “Our research shows calling him Chief Piominko is the same as saying President President Obama,” Mr. Hinson said in illustrating the need for action. Chick-

asaw forebears would not have uttered the vernacular “chief chief,” Mr. Hinson said. The same community that recently rolled out the red carpet for Piominko’s statue would be called “Tishohminko,” according to Mr. Hinson. “Does that mean Tishomingo, Oklahoma, will change its name? No. We can’t go back and attempt to fix everything,” Mr. Hinson said. “But, we can start an educational initiative to let people know we are using correct Chickasaw language to refer to our leaders.” The Chickasaw Nation will now refer to him as Tishominko. The literal translation in the Chickasaw language is “assistant leader.”

Revered But Mysterious

The personal and war names of both Piominko and Tishominko elude researchers, though Piominko may have signed the Virginia-Chickasaw Treaty of 1783 as Tushatohoa Mountain Leade. On the 1805 Treaty of Chickasaw Nation, a signature read “Okoye/Tishumustubee.” There is evidence that this was the individual later known as Tishominko. “Names changed for warriors and leaders by virtue of their last noteworthy accomplishment,” Mr. Hinson said. “A young warrior who fought with distinction in a battle may have been called ‘Fox’ before the battle, but he might be called ‘Kills on Top’ or ‘Walked Around There Killing’ after the fight. With each successive accomplishment, his name would change.” Mr. Hinson compared it to a modern military promotion. A person may have started out as a Lieutenant but achieved the rank

of Colonel. Due to the promotion, the individual would be called Lieutenant no longer. “It was the same with all Chickasaw warriors,” he said.

About Piominko

Born near what is now Tupelo, Mississippi, in approximately 1750, Piominko served the Chickasaw people as a leader, diplomat and negotiator during the infancy of the United States of America. Chickasaws owned territory in Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee. He signed the Treaty of Hopewell on the tribe’s behalf in 1786. It formalized diplomatic relations with the United States and spelled out Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Piominko and President George Washington were friends. Piominko, along with several other Chickasaw leaders, were hosted by President Washington in his Philadelphia home in 1794. Piominko was awarded a Washington Peace Medal by the president as a way of honoring the Chickasaw leader for his loyalty to the new nation. Also known as Mountain Leader, Piominko embarked upon diplomatic missions to several states and conferred with other tribes. He met with governors, tribal leaders and U.S. emissaries to preserve and protect the Chickasaw. It is believed he died near Tupelo in 1799 of natural causes.

About Tishominko

His image adorns the Chickasaw Nation flag, yet he served as an assistant leader to Ishtihottopa’, who was hereditary minko’ of the Chickasaws just prior to Re-

moval in 1837. Tishominko would speak to Chickasaws on behalf of Ishtihottopa’, much as he did for Chinabi’, the previous hereditary minko’ who ruled from 1794-1818. Tishominko’s “sign” is on many treaty documents between the Chickasaw Nation and the United States government, including the 1832 Treaty of Pontotoc which set in motion the departure from the Chickasaw homelands. Tishominko presided as leader of the Tishomingo District until the Chickasaws were forced to relocate to lands west of the Mississippi River. It is believed Tishominko succumbed to smallpox during the Chickasaw Removal between 1838 and 1841 at Eagle Town, Indian Territory. He was approximately 100 when he died. Until recently, experts believed he died near what is now Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Hinson said documents, which are still being examined, indicate he survived the march but died shortly after arriving in the new territory. This was attested to by Choctaw leader Peter Pitchlynn, who memorialized Tishominko after his death in 1841 at present-day Eagle Town, Oklahoma. Tishominko served with distinction in the U.S. military at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, the Red Stick War and the War of 1812. He also served under Gen. Andrew Jackson, whose policies as president led to the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and the removal of the Southeastern Indian nations.

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Vote in your tribal elections!

Right to vote in tribal elections holds special meaning for Chickasaws

Voting History

Many Americans have great respect for the right to vote as a civic duty and a moral virtue essential to our freedom. Many Chickasaw citizens have a great appreciation for the right to vote in tribal elections because they remember the time when they were unable to exercise that right. These elders understand full well that the right of Chickasaws to elect tribal leaders was suspended for more than 60 years. Moreover, the right to vote in tribal elections was won back through the hard fought battles of many Chickasaw citizens who still exercise that right each year. Little more than 40 years ago, the Chickasaw governor was still being appointed by the President of the United States. While Chickasaw people exercised the right to vote from 1856, when the Chickasaw Constitution was ratified, until 1906, those rights were lost with legislation making Oklahoma a state.

From 1906 to 1970, the federal government exercised full control over all official acts of the Chickasaw Nation, including appointing the governor of the tribe. As the only tribal government official during that time period, the Chickasaw governor could not fully represent the interests of the Chickasaw people, because he was still under the influence of the federal government. Beginning in the late 1950s, the Chickasaw people began a grassroots movement to reclaim the Chickasaw government and restore the right to vote in tribal elections. After years of advocating, the Principal Chiefs Act was passed in 1970 to once again allow Chickasaws the right to elect tribal officials of their own choosing. So, in 1971, Chickasaws cast their ballots for the first time since Oklahoma statehood to vote for their governor. For more than 40 years, Chickasaw citizens have taken pride in exercising the right to vote in tribal elections.

Register to Vote

Registering to vote in Chickasaw elections is an easy process. Citizens 18 years of age or older may register online, by email, letter or by calling the election office. Required forms are available online, at the Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood office or any

area office located in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Oklahoma City, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo. When registering, Chickasaw citizens living inside the Chickasaw Nation tribal boundaries register within the district in which they reside. Chickasaw citizens living outside of the tribal boundaries may choose their voting dis-

tricts. The four voting districts – Pontotoc, Pickens, Panola and Tishomingo – may be viewed online at www.Chickasaw.net/Services/Voter-Registration or on the voter registration form. Once registered, tribal election ballots are mailed to voters during election periods.

Chickasaw Nation seeks comments on WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2015 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 10, 2014. WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as

infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 4000 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area. Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Director, Nutrition Services, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580)

436-7255 or toll free (855) 559-0985. For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (855) 559-0985 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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receive 2 hours CLE toward their annual requirement of legal education. On June 19, 2014, the Muskogee (Creek) Nation visited our court. We were honored to meet: Thomas Yahola, Speaker Muskogee (creek) Nation National Council; Franklin Coachman, National Council Representative; Mitch Jack, National Council Representative; Lucian Tiger III, National Council Representative; Greg Bigler, District Court Judge with the Muskogee (Creek) Nation District Court; James Alred, Tribal Construction; Dustin Alphin, Tribal Construction. The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Clerk, Connie Tillery; Sgt. Dusk Monetathchi, Lighthorse Police Officer and I gave the Muskogee dignitaries a tour of our building and provided refreshments. The Muskogee (Creek) Nation are gathering information for a new court building for their tribe. We were honored to have them visit our court and to see our beautiful judicial building.

YAAKNI’ INAALHPISAAT CHOKMA

YAAKNI’ INAALHPISAAT CHOKMA, Chickasaw Nation court camp was held on June 24 and 25th, 2014. The camp students had a great time. A mock trial for the students 11 years old and older was held on June 25th with Justice Mark Colbert presiding. The Mock Trial was

conducted by Stefani Padilla, Assistant Attorney General with the Chickasaw Nation. The students 10 years old and younger were able to attend a special class conducted by Kristine Huntsman, Assistant Attorney General II of the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Huntsman has provided learning opportunities for the younger students for three (3) years and each year Kristine develops the greatest ideas and games for the young students. The younger kids love her games and special ideas to teach them about court and how laws are made. Every member of the Justice Department that helps us each year is greatly appreciated and we can’t imagine our camp without their involvement. Robin Rollins, Justice Department was the coordinator of the mock trial. We appreciate her dedication to our court camp and the mock trial case that she developed for the students. This year we also had eight (8) members of the office of Child Support Office who volunteered to help us with our students at camp. We are so blessed to work with the type of individuals who will give of themselves and dedicate their free time to helping our young, (and us). Our Nation is GREAT!!!

The Judicial Department attended the Sovereignty Symposium June 4 and 5, 2014. . We met many tribal members from across the state. Justice Barbara Smith partici-

pated in the Sovereignty Symposium by moderating on a panel discussion on Criminal Law with Sanford C. Coats, U. S. attorney, Western District of Oklahoma; and Clancy Smith, Vice-Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals. The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continuing legal education seminar was held June 27, 2014, at the Artesian Hotel, Sulphur, Oklahoma. The speakers were: Honorable Aaron Duck, Murray Co. Associate Judge Honorable Dustin P. Rowe, Chickasaw Nation District Judge Kent Meyers, Attorney with Crowe and Dunlevy, Jared Easterling, Attorney, Green Law Firm Robert Cheadle, Legislative Council Chickasaw Nation Kristine Huntsman, Assistant Attorney General II, Chickasaw Nation Again, it is my pleasure to report on a busy and successful month in the Judicial Department. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. CHIPISALA’ CHO ANOWA means “Until I see you again”. Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Please contact me, I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.

BIRTHS



Big brother Garrett Carlton Jackson with newborn siblings Evelyn Chapman Jackson and Grant Carlton Jackson.

Capt. Kyle and Lena Jackson and brother Garrett are proud to announce the birth of Evelyn Chapman Jackson and Grant Carlton Jackson. They were born April 5, 2014 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. Evelyn weighed 5 lbs. and measured 17 1/2 inches at birth. Grant weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth. Proud grandparents are Angie

and Steve Rubin, of Joseph, Oregon. Evelyn and Grant are the great-great-grandchildren of Mary Seifred Thomas, an original enrollee. They are the great-great-niece and nephew of George H.A. and Rachel Thomas, great-grandchildren of Yvonne Butterfield, and great-niece and nephew of Gus and Judy Butterfield.



Archer James Welch

Archer James Welch was born Jan. 20, 2014, in Garland, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 ozs. and was 20½ inches at birth. He is the son of Casey Welch and Katie Moore Welch, of Rockwall, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Louis and Kay Moore, of Garland, Texas. He is the great-great grandson of Thomas Nowell Moore, original Chickasaw Dawes Commission enrollee. Archer joins big brother Hunter Casey Welch.



Charlie Lynne Borough

Charlie Lynne Borough was born Feb. 11, 2014 at Las Vegas. She weighed 7 lbs., and measured 20.5 inches at birth. She is the daughter of SSgt. Derek R, Borough, USAF, of Newcastle, Okla., and Desiree Borough, of Las Vegas. She is the paternal granddaughter of Steve and Tanya Harris, of Oklahoma City and James Borough, of Norman, Okla. She is the maternal granddaughter of Kenneth Wagner, of Tucson, Ariz., and Helen Mayan, of Las Vegas. Paternal great-grandparents are Lee and Nina Crossley, of Del City, Okla. Maternal great-grandparents are Gerhardt and Herta Mayan, of Heilbronn, Germany. Charlie was born while her dad was deployed in Afghanistan. He returned home in April. He is stationed at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, NV. SSgt. Borough is a staff sergeant in the 820th Red Horse Squadron.



Spencer Robinson Travis

Colin and Alanna Travis, of Frisco, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Spencer Robinson Travis, on March 3, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 20.5 inches at birth. Proud big sister is Violet Julia Travis. Proud grandparents are Marla and Bud Boswell, of Frisco, Ken and Janelle Khatain, of Boise, Idaho, and Ed and Rebecca Travis, of Sulphur, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Ardell Morgan and the late Daniel Morgan, the late Edward and LaVerne Khatain, and Lahoma and Gary Robinson. He is the great-great-grandson of original Chickasaw enrollees Ben and Bettie Young Massey and a descendant of Emahota Love and Chickasaw Governor Winchester Colbert.



George Tsech'il Tsouhlarakis Carreiro

George Tsech'il Tsouhlarakis Carreiro was born April 9, 2014 at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 18 3/4 inches at birth. He is the son of Daron Tate Carreiro (Chickasaw) and Anna Tsouhlarakis (Navajo/Creek), of Washington, D.C. He has two very proud older sisters, Mahate and Akocha. Paternal grandparents are Robert Carreiro, of Tulsa, and Paula Carreiro, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Maternal grandparents are George and Kay Tsouhlarakis, of Pinetop, Ariz. He is the direct descendant of original enrollees Louisa Goforth, Eli Perry Goforth, Sophia (McKenney) Goforth, Odelia Goforth, Tandy Lee Hearrell, and Almarine Hearrell.

BIRTHDAY



Aleah Gean Underwood

Aleah Gean Underwood celebrates her fourth birthday July 24. She was born July 24, 2010, at 1:32 p.m., to Timber Thomison and Shannon Underwood. She loves to play t-ball, go fishing, swimming, shopping and enjoys spending time with her pets and family. Happy 4th birthday, Aleah!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONALD GENE PRATHER July 9, 1934 – May 24, 2014



DONALD GENE PRATHER

It's not just on your 80th birthday that we think of how special you were and what you meant to us. But somehow, on your 80th birthday, thoughts are a little warmer, a little more special and a little closer to the heart. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. We will always love and miss you! Love Peggy, Jim and Brittney, Don Earl, Trenton and Johnathon

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Walker garners Byng Jr. High School top honors



A 14-year-old Byng (OK) Junior High School student and Chickasaw has been cited as seventh grade Student of the Month and was also named Student of the Year. Tyler Walker was accorded the honor prior to school letting out for the summer. He is the son of Bailey and DeAnna Walker; great-grandson of the late Adam C. and Viola Walker and the grandson of Ruby Long and Herb and Julie Darras.

Raymond and Millie Palmer gathering of family and friends

A gathering for all friends and family of Raymond and Millie Palmer will be 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., July 20 at Pennington Park in Tishomingo. Please bring a covered dish. Guest of honor - Melvin Palmer RSVP by July 15 to Lahoma at (580) 371-7112 by text or leave a message.

Stewart, Plunk to wed in Allen



J.J. Stewart and Clay Plunk

Mike and Jana Stewart, Roff, Oklahoma, and Bruce and Jessica Plunk, Byng, Oklahoma, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, J.J. Stewart and Clay Plunk. The couple will exchange vows Aug. 2, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Allen, Oklahoma. Rev. Josh Lee will perform the ceremony. Miss Stewart is a 2012 graduate of Roff High School and is currently attending East Central University, Ada. She will graduate in December earning a bachelor's degree in biology. She is employed by the Chickasaw Nation at the Sovereign Family Practice

Clinic. Mr. Plunk is a 2007 graduate of Byng High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2011 from East Central University, Ada. He is currently employed by Roff Public Schools. Grandparents of the bride are Vernon Brown and Ellen Green, both of Roff, and Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, Oklahoma. Grandparents of the groom are Violet Long, Allen, Oklahoma, and Olen and Mary Ann Curry, Atoka, Oklahoma. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Sliger, Webb wed April 11 in Las Vegas



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Webb

Anna Sliger and Bryan Webb were united in marriage April 11, 2014, at the Elvis Chapel in Las Vegas. Serving as witnesses were Heather and Scott Middleton. The bride is the daughter of Lynda and Butch Sliger, Milburn, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Ethel Gill and the late Calvin and Almeda "Bug" Sliger. She is a 2003 graduate of Milburn High School and is employed by Sooner Pharmacy in Tishomingo, Okla. The groom is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and the son of Susan and David Ledford, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, and Anthony Webb, also of Tishomingo. He is

the grandson of Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb, Tishomingo; Gene and Mary Lou Ledford, Cobb, Oklahoma, and the late Elmer and Naomi Wood. He is a 2000 graduate of Tishomingo High School and earned a master's degree in Native American Studies from Oklahoma University. He is employed by the Chickasaw Nation I.T. Department and is a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force having served two terms in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have three children, Cadyn, Boston and Brayden and make their home in Milburn, Oklahoma.

Williams celebrate 60-year anniversary



Gene and Leota Williams, of Allen, Oklahoma, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with renewal of vows before friends and family June 8 at the First Assembly of God Church in Tupelo, Oklahoma. The couple was married June 5, 1954, at First Assembly of God Church in Oklahoma City.



Five Generations of Chickasaws

Five generations of Chickasaws gather for a photo. Featured are 84-year-old Lonnie R. Lawson, Sr; his daughter Lonna Lawson-Shorter; Lonna's daughter- Amy Ruth Ponder; Amy's son- Joseph B Christie; and Joseph's son- Alexander Cloud Christie.



Five Generations of Chickasaws

Five generations of Chickasaws recently congregated together to celebrate the birth of Elizabeth Renee Sue Maine. They include, front row from left, great-great-grandmother Jessie L. Newfield, and great-grandmother Mary Maddox, who is holding Elizabeth. Back row is proud mother Jazmin Maine and Elizabeth's grandfather Kevin Johnson.

Chickasaw honored by Jessup University

ROCKLIN, Calif. - William Jessup University, the Sacramento region's only private four-year university, awarded Chickasaw citizen Dr. G. Henry Wells an honorary Degree of Divinity during the 2014 commencement ceremony in May at Adventure Christian Church in Roseville, California.



Dr. G. Henry Wells

Pastor Wells is a highly respected and admired pastor whose leadership and passion for spiritual renewal and evangelism has been credited with creating unity among area churches and across denominational lines throughout the Sacramento region.

"Dr. Henry Wells stands for Authority and has a passion for evangelism and church unity," Jessup President John Jackson said. "We are pleased to honor this outstanding pastor in our region for his selfless and sacrificial commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Dr. Wells served as senior pastor of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church from 1985-2008. He led citywide concerts of prayer and

prayer summits and organized area pastors for ongoing prayer and fellowship opportunities throughout the years.

Dr. Wells also led the six-year effort to bring the Luis Palau Festival to Sacramento and was named the 2011 Volunteer of the Year for the Luis Palau Organization (worldwide).

Before entering pastoral ministry, Wells worked with the Haggai Institute of Atlanta as Crusade Director where he is still active in an advisory capacity. During the first six years in Sacramento, Dr. Wells served as chaplain to the Sacramento Kings. He was also a member of the Evangelical Pastors of Large Presbyterian churches, serving on various boards for Whitworth College, the Presbyterian Coalition, San Francisco Theological Seminary and KFIA radio foundation.

Prior to his retirement, Dr. Wells served in various positions with the Sacramento Presbytery and hosted the radio program on KFIA Christian radio for 19 years.

This is the third honorary degree given on behalf of the growing Christian university during its 75-year history.

Chickasaw Day at the Capitol



Chickasaw Nation citizens filled the Oklahoma State Capitol May 6. Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell and Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood attended to help promote what the Chickasaw Nation offers in services to its people. State Rep. Lisa J. Billy, left, a Chickasaw citizen, also attended.

CHICKASAW GRADUATES

Brandi Keenan



Brandi Nicole Keenan, a Chickasaw from Gardnerville, Nevada, recently graduated from Douglas High School, located in Minden, Nevada.

She is the daughter of Mark and Candy Felten and the late Rick Canatsey. Brandi's grandparents are Patty and Fred Schwake, JoAnn and Jerry Keenan and Norma and Harold Felten.

Brandi was in Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) two years and served as a platoon sergeant. She earned many awards while in JROTC. While living in Oklahoma, she was very involved in the Ada First Assembly of God. Her hobbies include watching movies and playing with her three dogs.

Malachi Phillips



Malachi Phillips, son of John and Brandi Phillips, of Norman, Okla., graduated Norman High School May 23, 2014, as valedictorian.

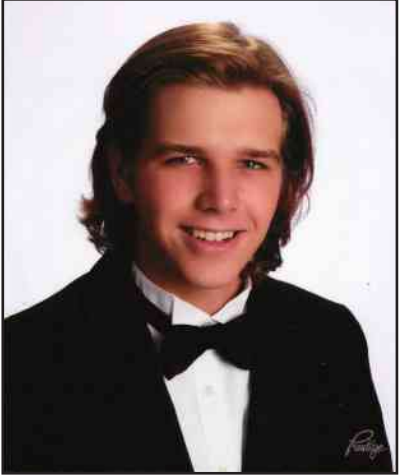
During his high school career, Malachi participated in numerous school organizations including band, academic team, Latin club and many others.

He graduated with a perfect grade-point average.

Malachi plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall and major in chemical engineering.

The Phillips family would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all the support given Malachi throughout his high school years.

M. Crockett Graham



M. Crockett Graham is a 2014 graduate of Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Julie Crockett and Marshall Graham. He is the grandson of Nancy Hardy Crockett and the late Brad Crockett.

He is the great-great-grandson of Janet Heald and Dr. Walter Hardy, a former tribal physician. Crockett is a descendant of William Colbert and William Richard Guy. Crockett participated in swim team, rocketry, peer tutoring and photography.

He earned inclusion on the school Honor Roll and was designated as "commended" on the Texas school achievement exam. He has been accepted to attend Texas State University in San Marcos this fall where he will major in business and education."

Emily Jane Biscan



Emily Jane Biscan graduated from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, May 17 with a bachelor's degree in art management with an emphasis in dance.

During her college years she was a member of the Lionette and Lion Line dance teams and coached a high school junior varsity dance team her senior year. She has been involved in dance since the age of three. She also served as a residence assistant for her dorm.

Emily is employed by the St. Louis Ballet School of Dance as an assistant administrator. Her hope is to one day own her own dance studio.

Emily wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the help and support she received throughout her entire education. The tribe's help made it much easier for her to attain goals she set for herself. She is shown proudly wearing her Higher Honor Stole from the Chickasaw Nation office of Higher Education.

She is the daughter of David and Gretchen Biscan and the granddaughter of Marge and the late Charlie Biscan, all of St. Louis. She also is the granddaughter of Charles and Lee Anne Koehler, Joplin, Missouri.

Adele Levine



Adele Levine is a 2014 graduate of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

She is the daughter of Hershel and Mila Levine, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, and the granddaughter of James A. and Martha Beshirs, of Durant, Oklahoma.

She is the great-granddaughter of James A. Beshirs Sr., and Isadora Beshirs of Durant, Oklahoma. She graduated May 25, 2014, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in health and human biology.

Adele was presented with several awards including the C.V. Starr Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship, a Mayoral Fellowship with the City of Providence and the Brown "Linking Internships and Knowledge" Award.

During her time in Providence, she was very involved in public health work. She volunteered in a local pediatric clinic, led a health education workshop, and worked for the university's office of disability services.

For her senior capstone research, Adele recruited adolescents in a local emergency department for a study on stress, emotions fighting. Adele's coursework and extracurricular activities have influenced her decision to pursue further studies in public health. She will be starting a master's in public health program in maternal and child health at Boston University in autumn.

She is very grateful for the opportunities the Chickasaw Nation has provided to her through grants and scholarships throughout her undergraduate education.

Matt Chesnut



Matt Chesnut is a 2014 graduate of Harvard Business School where he earned his Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

He is the son of Chuck and Shirley Chesnut, grandson of Shirley Love Murphy, and great-grandson of Dawes enrollee Frank C. Love.

After graduation, Matt, his wife, Chesna, and their dogs Rhett and Shep, will be moving to Oklahoma City where he'll begin working for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce.

Halii Julia Grace Fain



Halii Julia Grace Fain graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in English on May 4, 2014, from Ashford University.

She is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Fain, Villa Ridge, Missouri, and granddaughter of Jim and Julie Draves, Pacific, Missouri.

Dixie Rae Shope



Chickasaw Nation citizen Dixie Rae Shope graduated from Southern Nazarene University in autumn 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership which encompasses biblical perspectives in western culture, organizational behavior, group communication, statistics, human resources ethics

SNU professors selected Dixie to receive the SNU Outstanding Achievement Award. She earned the status of "Passed with Honors" on her senior thesis project, and received the Chikasha Holitopli - Chickasaw Honor Award (award stole), from her citizenship tribe - The Chickasaw Nation.

She is prayerfully seeking guidance from the Lord for her future business plans.

CHICKASAW GRADUATE
Jordan Paul



Jordan Paul, a native of San Antonio, Texas and Chickasaw citizen, recently graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Paul is the son of Scott and Lisa Paul, of San Antonio. He attended Winston Churchill High School and Brigham Young University.

Hunter Luna accepts
invite to join scholars



Chickasaw citizen Hunter Landry Luna has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). He is from Sulphur, Oklahoma.

NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students.

Membership is by invitation only, based on grade-point average and class standing.



Gov. Anoatubby receives honorary doctorate
Governor Bill Anoatubby receives an honorary doctorate degree from University of Oklahoma President David Boren during OU Commencement ceremonies at Gaylord Family/Oklahoma Memorial Stadium May 9 in Norman, Okla.

Chickasaw elder Shirley Stark fights
commercial tobacco use through coalition



Chickasaw elder Shirley Stark, left, is shown at the conference with Gina Olaya, daughter of late Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller.

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. - Shirley Stark, a Chickasaw elder from Purcell, Oklahoma, attended the annual Preparing for the Seventh Generation Conference in Midwest City April 14-16.

Native Americans living in Oklahoma suffer greater health issues than most other people in the state. The use of commercial tobacco plays a significant role in the rate of death and disease among Native Americans.

The Seventh Generation Conference is a tribal/state partnership working together and sharing resources to promote better health among Native Americans. Mrs. Stark assists with the Totally Fit McClain County Coalition is a TSET Communities of Excellence

in Tobacco Control grantee and the Chickasaw M-Power Program, which both focus on improving the health Oklahoma citizens by reducing the use of tobacco products and promoting the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline.

Mrs. Stark contributes invaluable wisdom and energy to both groups' efforts to reduce tobacco's influence and adverse health effects.

To learn more about the Chickasaw M-Power Program contact Tina Matthews-Price, tobacco control coordinator at (580) 559-0810 or to learn more about Totally Fit McClain County contact Patty Johnson, program poordinator at (405) 527-4511.

Chickasaw financial expert named
to magazine's top 400 advisers list



Jeffrey S. Neumeyer, a Chickasaw and financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in Atlanta, was recently recognized in the 2014 Financial Times on its "Top 400 Financial Advisors" list.

Mr. Neumeyer is from Dearborn, Michigan, and attended Auburn University. Upon graduation with a degree from the College of Business, he lived in Detroit and Toronto working as a project engineer in the automotive industry.

He has been a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch since 2000. Since 2002, he also is a member of the Global Corporate and Institutional Advisory Services team as a senior partner and a member of the firm's Circle of Excellence Club.

Mr. Neumeyer is a certified financial planner, a designation awarded by the Certified Board of Standards, Inc. His area of emphasis is developing long term wealth planning models for clients. This plan includes investment analysis, estate planning in conjunction with estate planning experts, risk management, income tax and liability management.

Mr. Neumeyer also has responsibility for GCIAS strategic and tactical portfolio strategies and investment manager selection.

He is a volunteer coach and serves on several fundraising committees for Special Olympics of Georgia. He lives in Brookhaven with his wife, Jane, daughter, Elizabeth and son, Henry.

Chickasaw earns teaching honors



Southern Methodist University graduate Andrew Pinkowitz, left, with SMU's 2014 Delta Sigma Pi Distinguished Professor Steve Denson.

DALLAS - Steve Denson, 45, son of Doug and Emma Denson, of Ada, Oklahoma, is the recipient of two awards at the Cox School of Business, located at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Denson, director of MBA Diversity Initiatives and adjunct professor at SMU Cox, was presented with the Delta Sigma Pi Distinguished Award in addition to the Cox BBA Distinguished Teaching Award.

Students of the SMU Beta Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi nominate professors each semester. Members nominate professors go beyond standard teaching practices, provide engaging and interesting lectures, and inspire and positively impact students. The chapter leadership presented Mr. Denson the award at a faculty banquet in May.

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity that fosters the study of business in universities and strives for a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial

welfare of the community.

Additionally, Mr. Denson was presented with the BBA Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual Cox Faculty/Staff Luncheon. One professor of undergraduate business programs is awarded the honor each year, also based on student feedback.

Mr. Denson, a Chickasaw, grew up in Wapanucka, Oklahoma. He graduated from East Central University in Ada in 1991. He was a Wilson Fellow of the Wilson Foundation of Princeton in 1990, the same year he took part in the University of Michigan Policy Institute in Ann Arbor, and earned his Master of Science in public management and policy at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1993.

After working for the Chickasaw Foundation and doing corporate negotiations on the East Coast, Mr. Denson joined the Cox School of Business in 1998 to teach negotiations. He also teaches pro bono at Paul Quinn College in South Dallas.



Savannah Burwell
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma!

My name is Savannah Burwell and I am your 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess. I am the 20-year-old daughter of Jason and Leta Burwell. I am the granddaughter of Virginia "Gingy" Nail, the late Kelsie Alexander Morris and the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Nail. I attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University where I am majoring in Communications with a minor in Native American Studies.

May was a busy month! I had the opportunity to attend Chickasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) at Kullihoma. I enjoyed making

new friends, watching our stickball team, Chickasha Toli, and ending the night taking part in the evening dance. I was also able to see our elders Pauline Brown and Kennedy Brown honored for 20 years of service to the Chickasaw Historical Society Board. Seeing their accomplishments and dedicated service to our people further motivates me as I learn about our people, our language and our culture. Kamassa' isholiitobla'shki means "respect your elders." They have contributed so much to our tribe and I am thankful for the examples they are to me and to our people. I hope to follow in their steps and give back to our people as they have.

After the ceremony, I had the pleasure of talking to Kennedy. He has known my parents and family for a long time so it was good seeing him. It was a day I will always remember.

We also took part in "Chickasaw Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol. While there I was able to spend some time with Chickasaw and State Rep. Lisa J. Billy. She sets the example of being a "dynamic woman" for our people so I enjoyed our visit. I also met Michael Cornelius from our cultural resources department. He is a great flute player and

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gave me some tips as I continue to learn. The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe was there, too and I always enjoy dancing with them.

In June, we attended Red Earth in Oklahoma City. It was a great experience being part of the grand entry and I enjoyed watching the fancy dancers and tiny tots dance! I also saw beautiful artwork, met the artists and heard some great flute music. I have recently begun playing the flute so I enjoy hearing flute players and any tips they can give me. The best part of Red Earth was sharing the experience with my family.

Finally, I want to thank our language department and Brandon White Eagle for taking the time to teach us our language. We truly are a blessed Nation when I see all the services our tribe provides to Chickasaw families. I am thankful and blessed for this opportunity serving as your princess. It is an honor serving as an ambassador for the Great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation! Chickasha poyal!

Yakkookay Chimanali Micha Che Pisala' Cho!

Savannah Burwell



2013 - 2014 Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell with Chickasaw elder Kennedy Brown.

Chickasaw Nation dedicates new medical clinic serving the public

Tribe opens Norman Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy



Officials with the Chickasaw Nation cut the ribbon signifying the completion of Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy in Norman, Okla. The medical clinic opened to the public June 29. Pictured front row from left, Mary Jo Green, Pontotoc District Seat 5; Toby Perkins, Pontotoc District Seat 1; Nancy Elliott, Pontotoc District Seat 2; Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Governor Bill Anoatubby; Brian Anoatubby, Wellness Initiative Manager; Chris Anoatubby President of Sovereign Medical Solutions; Bill Lance, Secretary of Commerce; Katie Case, Pontotoc District Seat 3; Justice Barbara Smith Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court; David Woerz, Pickens District Seat 1; Neal McCaleb, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador at Large.

NORMAN, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation officials conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony June 25 marking completion of construction for Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy in Norman. Located on State Highway 9 west of I-35, Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy provides comprehensive medical care and urgent care services to the public. The clinic opened to the public June 29.

Sovereign Medical president Chris Anoatubby said the clinic served not only the many Chickasaw Nation employees in the region but also serves the general public, providing high-quality

and convenient health care and pharmacy services to those living in Cleveland and surrounding counties.

“We are committed to providing the very best customer service experience in all our endeavors,” Mr. Anoatubby said. “Our clinic has qualified, compassionate health care professionals and pharmacy services all in the same location. This makes the entire customer experience more convenient so our patients can be healthy and empowered to live life well.”

The 13,700-square-foot facility provides immunizations and

flu shots, physicals, and wellness exams. It houses 14 exam rooms, in-house laboratory and radiology services, pharmacy with two-lane drive-thru and a gift shop. The complex employs 30 full- and part-timers, including a family medicine physician, an urgent care physician, four physician assistants, a radiology manager, a pharmacy manager, medical and pharmacy staff and office personnel.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the new clinic was a natural by-product of successful health care services offered through the tribal healthcare system.

“This new clinic enables us to leverage our success and operational knowledge of health care services to the benefit of everyone concerned,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We believe offering another option for high quality health care services will have a positive impact on the quality of life of our employees and other area residents.”

Heritage Hall commencement



Governor Bill Anoatubby delivers the commencement address to the 2014 graduating class at Heritage Hall High School, Oklahoma City.

The new clinic employs the latest technology to manage everything from patient records to appointment scheduling. A comprehensive suite of more than 50 applications installed at the clinic will support clinical, business and administrative functions that focus on improving patient care and provider workflow.

Within the clinic is a full-service pharmacy offering the convenience of immediately filling prescriptions as well as a selection of over-the-counter medicine. Customers will also enjoy the ease of utilizing the two-lane drive-thru for their medication needs. The complex also includes a small gift shop that offers an assortment of Oklahoma-made Bedré Fine Chocolate as well as other items.

Sovereign Medical Clinic and Pharmacy operating hours are 8

a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The clinic accepts most major medical insurance plans.

Clinic providers include:

- Bob Elliott, D.O., ACOFP, D.Ph.

- Michelle Bourne, PA-C
- Amy Pedlow, PA-C
- Lindsay Niles, BSRT (R) (ARRT)
- Nancy E. Phelps, Pharm.D.

About Sovereign Medical Solutions

Established in 2010, Sovereign Medical Solutions is a group of programs and services offering patients and medical providers a unique blend of cutting-edge technology, skilled and attentive medical care, and pharmacy ex-

pertise.

Sovereign Medical Solutions is made up of three distinct operating units: Sovereign Technology Solutions, Sovereign Medical Clinics and Sovereign Pharmacy Solutions.

About the Chickasaw Nation

With more than 57,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is the 12th-largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the United States. The Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion in Oklahoma in 2011. The tribe is the seventh-largest em-

ployer in Oklahoma, with almost 13,000 employees.

A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south central Oklahoma

McSwain Theatre celebrates five years as ‘New McSwain’



ADA, Okla. - In the half-decade since its re-dedication, the historic McSwain Theatre has hosted a slew of Country music legends, entertainers on the rise, children's plays, family movies and much more.

Jae L. Stilwell and Crossover, the McSwain house band, along with talented area entertainers present a monthly show packed with crowd-pleasing hits, solidifying the McSwain's reputation as a premier location for entertainment in Ada.

In addition to top-shelf musical entertainment, the McSwain has hosted “Veggie Tales,” flying acrobats, Dr. Seuss, and comedian Chonda Pierce and many more family-friendly shows and movies over the past five years.

Triple-platinum country star Neal McCoy, music legends Pam Tillis, Ray Price and Restless Heart are just a few who have entertained on the McSwain stage since its July 2009 re-opening.

Since its re-boot, the McSwain Theatre has continued its reputation of hosting and supporting rising stars. Easton Corbin, Lee Bryce, Dustin Lynch and many more have entertained on the same stage where Blake Shelton began his career.

Mr. Shelton was a performer at the 1993 McSwain Theatre Grand Awards Show, which honored the “Queen Mother of Nashville” Mae Boren Axton for her influence on the music scene. With encouragement from the legendary singer, Mr. Shelton left for Nashville just two weeks after graduating Ada High School in 1994.

The tradition of highlighting local talent continues this month as the 2014 Grand Awards Show gets

under way July 19 with the preliminary “16 and Under,” “Group and Gospel” round.

The top-five artists in each preliminary will be determined by audience vote and advance to compete for top overall honors.

The overall winners in each category, as well as an Entertainer of the Year, will be selected by audience vote and announced at the Grand Awards Show Oct. 18.

Dates for the Preliminary Rounds are:

- Saturday, July 19:** 16 and under, Group and Gospel Categories
- Saturday, Aug. 16:** Male, Female Performer Categories
- Saturday, Sept. 20:** Top 5 Show
- Saturday, Oct. 18:** Grand Awards Show

Tickets are now available.

Each concert ticket includes an Awards Show ballot, allowing ticket-holders to vote for their five favorites as well as a write-in choice for Entertainer of the Year.

Along with variety shows like the Grand Awards Show, the McSwain Theatre will continue to host entertainment for the entire family well into future.

For ticket information, contact the McSwain Theatre at (580) 332-8108 or online at www.McSwainTheatre.com Follow theatre updates on Facebook at [Facebook.com/McSwainTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/McSwainTheatre) or on Twitter at [Twitter.com/McSwainTheatre](https://twitter.com/McSwainTheatre).

The McSwain Theatre, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, is located at 130 W. Main in Ada.

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Create or add to your profile at this two-day event! Participants may be used in tribal commercials, print publications, film, documentaries, voice productions and more. No prior experience is required.

For those unable to attend, electronic submissions will also be accepted.

For more information, visit WWW.CHICKASAW.NET/TALENT or call (580) 332-1165.



Jae L. Stilwell, right, and Debbie Allen belt out a tune during a Jae L. Stilwell and Crossover show. The monthly show features talented area artists and continues to draw hundreds of fans to the McSwain Theatre in Ada. The McSwain tradition of highlighting local talent continues this month as the 2014 Grand Awards Show gets underway July 19 with the preliminary “16 and Under” “Group and Gospel” round.

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Nation offers leadership training to youth at Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi



Students and staff of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi "Creating Chickasaw Leaders" youth leadership joined former program participants for a retreat weekend of learning, fellowship and fun May 17-18 at Camp WOW in Stuart, Okla.

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi is a Chickasaw Nation youth leadership program available to Chickasaw students ages 14 to 18.

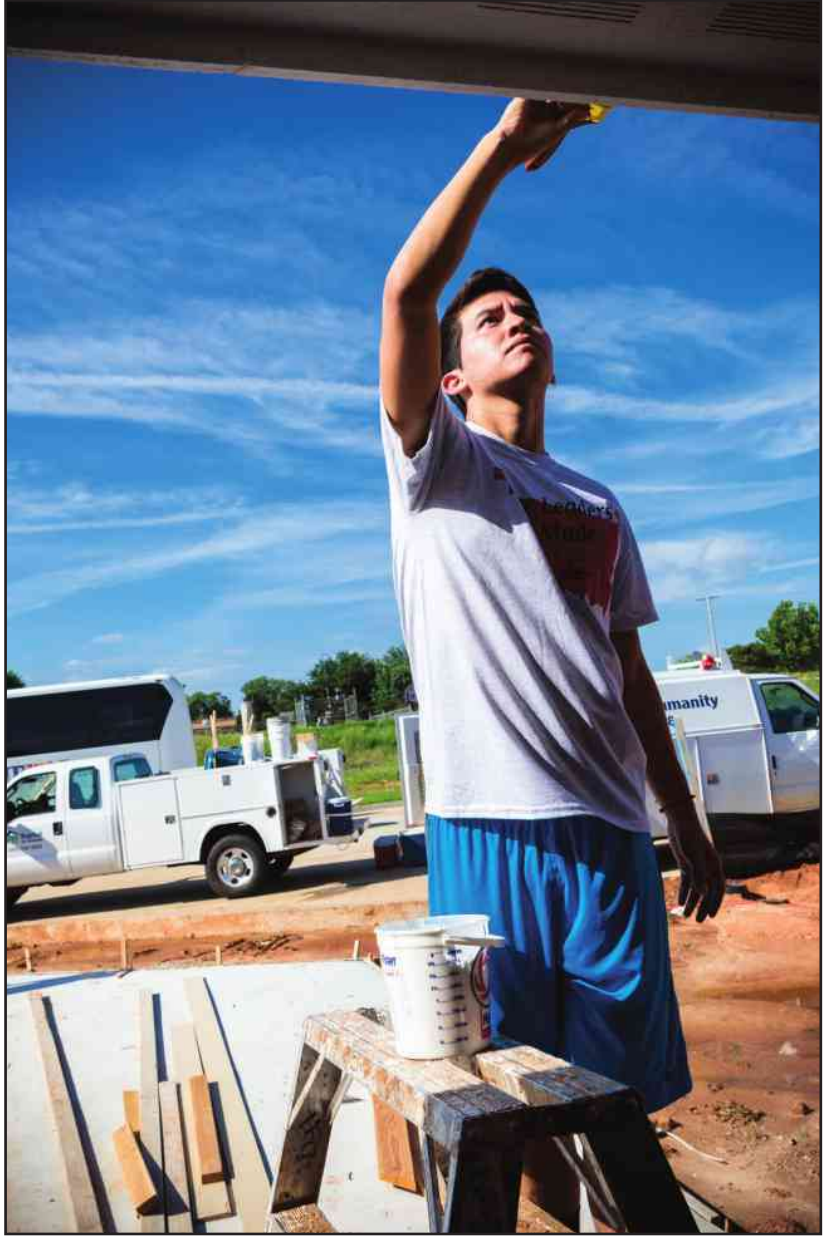
The 12-month program is designed to provide youth with leadership opportunities and to educate participants about different types of leadership, and what it truly means to be a leader.

Students selected to participate in Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi are provided the opportunity to learn about government and self-governance, professional etiquette, relationship enhancement training, abstinence education, budgeting, core values, leadership and professional relations trainings and much more.

During the 12-month program, students engage in a variety of events including government building and facilities tours, a two-day tribal tour, a week-long educational trip, college visits and community service opportunities.

To be eligible, students must have a valid CDIB card, attend scheduled leadership seminars and 75 percent of regular community meeting, maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be committed to setting a positive example for other young people.

For more information about Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.



Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi youth leadership student, Ryan Rico, 18, paints the trim of a new house June 3 in Yukon, Okla. Program participants partnered with Habitat for Humanity on the project.

Cultural Center up for Readers Choice Award

More than 250,000 Chickasaw Cultural Center visitors have seen the natural stone buildings and great timbers which seem to grow out of the Oklahoma soil alongside the lush green Buffalo Grass.

They have felt the rhythm of stomp dancers and witnessed the ingenious use of artistry, craftsmanship and technology that combine to tell the story of the Chickasaw people.

These visitors have helped the Chickasaw Cultural Center amass an impressive number of awards, honors and accolades. The Cultural Center may add one more honor to the list before its fourth anniversary this summer.

Recently, the Cultural Center was nominated for *The Oklahoman* Reader's Choice "State Tourism Destination" for 2014.

Individuals can log on to the newspaper's website, NewsOK.com and vote for their favorites, including the Chickasaw Cultural Center in nearly 200 categories.

Online voting opened June 15 and individuals will be able to submit one vote per day per category.

Winners will be announced July 27, be published in *The Oklahoman*, NewsOK.com, and LOOK at OKC magazine. They will also receive a trophy.

The Chickasaw Nation's Cultural Center has been honored in the

past with the Redbud Award for Outstanding Attraction in 2012. It has also been among the "Top 10" places for children to learn outside the classroom by *Metro Family* magazine.

CNN Travel.com listed the Chickasaw Cultural Center a "must see" destination in the article, "50 states, 50 spots for 2014," posted on CNN.com in January.

Recognized for its cultural significance as well as its ability to engage and educate international guests, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is well on its way to becoming a nationally-renowned tourist attraction.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is competing for *The Oklahoman* Reader's Choice "State Tourism Destination" alongside:

Grand Lake
WinStar World Casino and Resort
Beavers Bend Resort Park
Lake Murray

To cast a vote, visit <http://newsok.com/readerschoice>. Scroll down to the travel, tourism and casinos category to cast your vote.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is at 867 Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur, Okla.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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Foundation’s 6th Annual T-Ball Tournament a big success

The Chickasaw Foundation’s 6th Annual T-Ball Tournament was April 25 – 26, 2014 at The Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada, Okla. Dr. Tina Cooper, vice-chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, was on hand to set the first pitch.

Tournament champions were the Ada Yankees. They received a team plaque, bat bags and “Champion” t-shirts. Yankee team members included Caymen Smith, Gavin Mullins, Rowdy Parks, Shane Fulsom, Deakon Smith, Elijah Justus, Rhett Gray, Brock Boyles, Ty Janda, Cade Smith, Jake Bohannon, Hagen Graham, Maddux McCullar and Cooper Flowers.

Participating teams included the Ada Angels, Ada Yankees, Bandits, Lil Hooligans, Troopers and Red Sox. The Most Valuable Players (MVPs) were Cade Smith

of the Ada Yankees for offense and Bridge Barrett representing the Ada Angels for defense. Each player received a medal.

The Ada Angels were runners-up and received a team plaque and “Runner-Up” t-shirts. Angels team members included Bridge Barrett, Reese Littlefield, Lane McCarter, Creed Moore, Larry Altom, Ryan Hayes, Lane Haines, Hayden Ware, Logan Bratton, Cory Holt, Jackson Layton, Tylor Byrd and Dallas Westmoreland.

In third place were the Red Sox. They received a team plaque. Red Sox team members included Presleigh Fielder, Andy Jolly, Ezekial Griffin, Skylar Bevins, Bailey Bevins, Bradley Harjo, Colton Waddle, Garren McClendon, Gracie Ragland, Paylen Eldred, Jacob Jolly and Kadence “Olivia” Jones.

Contests were held for base-running, accuracy throwing and home runs. All participants re-

ceived ribbons and those placing 1st-3rd in each event received a medal. Congratulations to all our winners!

Base Running

- 1st place - Gavin Mullins
- 2nd place - Deakon Smith
- 3rd place - Bridge Barrett

Home Run Derby

- 1st place - Brock Boyles
- 2nd place - Cade Smith
- 3rd place - Deakon Smith

Accuracy Throw

- 1st place - Rhett Gray
- 2nd place - Brock Boyles
- 3rd place - Bridge Barrett

During this tournament the Chickasaw Foundation partnered with Oklahoma Cleats for Kids to collect gently used sports equipment.

Oklahoma Cleats for Kids is an Oklahoma City based non-profit that collects and distributes sports shoes, clothes and equipment to kids in need.



The Ada Yankees were the Champions of the Chickasaw Foundation’s 6th Annual T-Ball Tournament. Back row from left, coaches Bryson Justus, Wade Boyles and Malcolm Smith. Middle row from left, Jake Bohannon, Ty Janda, Cade Smith, Shane Fulsom, Rowdy Parks, Rhett Gray and Elijah Justus. Front row from left, Gavin Mullins, Maddux McCullar, Deakon Smith, Caymen Smith, Brock Boyles, Hagen Graham and Cooper Flowers.



Chickasaw Foundation Most Valuable Players: Cade Smith – Offensive, left, and Bridge Barrett – Defense.



Contest winners, from left, Gavin Mullins, Brock Boyles, Bridge Barrett, Deakon Smith, Cade Smith and Rhett Gray.



Shania Strunk

Foundation’s Scholarship Reception set for August 5

The Chickasaw Foundation will be hosting its 11th annual scholarship reception on August 5 at the McSwain Theater, 130 West Main in Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6 p.m. Scholarship awards will be presented to re-

cipients along with a Power Point presentation and refreshments.

You may RSVP by contacting the Chickasaw Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-9030.

History, Culture fellowship application now available

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of the 2014-2015 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application.

The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant.

The deadline to submit the completed application is July 18, 2014.

Fellowships are awarded annually. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described

herein, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 to complete their fellowship.

To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a master, doctoral or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States OR preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and/or culture; and
- Able to demonstrate a financial need; and
- A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a registered citizen of another tribe or Alaska village/corporation or affiliated with any tribe.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit their website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Donation

The Chickasaw Foundation recently donated four Oklahoma City Thunder basketballs to the

Ada High School Multi-Special Education class. The class had recently had their basketballs sto-

len so the Foundation replaced them for the students. They were overjoyed.



Ernie and Austin Gibson

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

- OKLAHOMA**
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979
- CONNERVILLE**
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994
- KINGSTON**
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803
- Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council**
Monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570
- NEWCASTLE**
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303
- OKLAHOMA CITY**
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com
- PURCELL**
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

- TISHOMINGO**
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351
- ARIZONA**
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309
- CALIFORNIA**
Southern California Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@so-cal.rr.com
- Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection**
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182
- COLORADO**
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637
- KANSAS**
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219
- LOUISIANA**
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165
- MISSOURI**
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

- NEW ENGLAND**
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165
- NEW MEXICO**
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372
- OREGON/WASHINGTON**
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- TEXAS**
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Charles Holland, 512-341-0024
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Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Oklahoma's natural wonders displayed for Chickasaw environmental campers



Kelsey Morgan and Emiley Whelchel pick fresh strawberries at the Chickasaw Community Gardens located near the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

ADA, Okla. - More than 25 Native American children attended the sixth annual Environmental Camp in Ada. Campers, age 8-12, received a behind-the-scenes look at the processes and facilities used to maintain the environment at the local, state and national levels.

The three-day Environmental Camp featured a non-traditional classroom setting and hands-on instruction from professionals in many environmental fields. Field trips to local and state locations allowed an inside look at environmental topics. This year's camp included field trips to the Chickasaw Kullihoma grounds, the Oklahoma City Zoo and the Chickasaw Nation Horticulture facilities and grounds.

Campers experienced ample attention with an average ratio of three campers to one environmental mentor.

At the Kullihoma grounds, Chickasaw Rangers explained the importance of land management and animal population control. Rangers described national efforts to save bald eagle populations across the country that led to their eventual removal from the Endangered Species list.

"The Rangers at Kullihoma are cool. They trap animals and put them somewhere else. I have never seen traps like they use," said eight-year-old Zeph White of Sulphur, Okla. "They were big and scary looking. You can break your hand using those types of traps."

Campers were given a rare glimpse of the wetlands and woodland prairie habitats that compose the more than 1,500 acres of the Kullihoma grounds. Riding in open-topped all terrain vehicles, snakes, rare waterfowl and turtles were among the wildlife that captured the attention of campers.

A field trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo was the high point for

many of the campers. Campers were able to view endangered animals from all over the world. Representatives from the zoo provided demonstrations exclusively for the campers. Animals, plants and bugs native to Oklahoma were key features during the demonstrations.

"I had a lot of fun at the zoo. I have never been out of Oklahoma. I got to see a lot of different animals," said eight-year-old Emiley Whelchel, of Ada. "At the Touch Pool, we were able to touch starfish, shells and other stuff."

A trip to the Chickasaw Nation Horticulture facilities allowed campers to learn the benefits of raised growing beds, hydroponics, composting and vermicomposting. Campers enjoyed the ability to sample the many vegetables grown organically, or without the use of store bought fertilizers or pesticides, straight from the vine.

"I like to capture random bugs and put them in a jar. I like all of them. I don't have a favorite type of bug," Zeph said. "I never knew how important bugs are to us and plants. I am not going to squish, throw rocks or poke bugs with

sticks anymore."

Campers used arts and crafts to express their observations of the natural world. Recycled materials were used to construct kites that were later flown. Scrap books we created and decorated for keepsakes of the camp.

"My kite was made out of plastic bags. I didn't know you could make a kite out of bags. I have kept mine in case it gets windy so I can fly it. I will probably learn how to make these kites at home," Zeph said. "We also made scrapbooks. I made a big scrapbook."

As a cultural component, campers took part in traditional Chickasaw dances and were told time-honored stories. They were able to shoot bows, practice with traditional squirrel sticks and provided with sticks to play stickball during activity breaks.

"Stickball is one of my favorite games to play," Quinton Walker said "I play it whenever I can and I am on a stickball team. It can be dangerous, but it is fun to play and I like to score."

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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Stickball is a traditional Chickasaw game played by both boys and girls. Reminiscent of NBA All-Star Michael Jordan's iconic "Tongue Dunk," Quinton Walker breaks away from defenders to score a point for his team during a game at the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp.

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Winona “Nona” Borland



Winona Borland, 91, died March 23, 2014, in Kerrville, Texas, after a brief illness.

She was a proud Chickasaw citizen, who was on the precipitous of serving with the chief prosecutor in the World War II Nuremberg Trials in Germany.

Mrs. Borland was born May 24, 1922 on a farm near Lindsay, Okla., to Samuel Lafayette Walton and Lillie Armildia (Moore) Walton, who was an original Dawes Roll member.

Nona, as everybody called her, had a classic, but happy depression-era childhood.

She graduated from Amber (OK) High School with honors. She later attended and graduated from business college. After completing her education, she went to Hondo, Texas, to seek her fame and fortune. While there she met her future husband, Capt. Matthew Borland. She moved to Washington D.C. to work for the Pentagon in the office of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the war crimes department. She was offered a position to work for the counsel to the Chief Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials in Germany, but declined so she could marry Matthew Borland. They wed upon his return from Europe Dec. 23, 1945.

In 1947, Mr. Borland was recruited by the Mead Corp. and they settled in Chillicothe, Ohio. The couple raised their family and lived happily. In Chillicothe, she enjoyed volunteer activities, golfing and bridge with the ladies. Her eventual retirement in Florida was certainly fun! She spent her time visiting with old friends, entertaining, gardening, playing Mission Valley golf and meeting new friends – it was truly a happy time in her life. Eventually they moved to Texas to be closer to her roots and family. The couple settled in Kerrville.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Jewel “Tootsie” Harris; Vera Bowlware; Lou Emma Holmes; Faith Ellen Pate; and a brother, Jack Walton.

She is survived by a daughter, Alison Mencarow; and a son, Matthew “Skip” Borland.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage, loved playing bridge, and had a genuine joy for life.

She was a very special, maybe even flamboyant, woman who broke the mold. She will be missed greatly.

In Memory of Michael Brown



Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home

You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide.

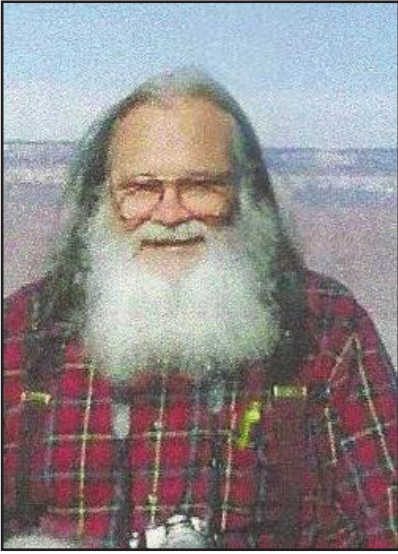
And tho’ we cannot see you, you are always at our side

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Mom, sisters and brothers of Michael Brown, 6-27-1959/6-2-2007

Dan Michael Gourley



One of our tribe has made the journey to be with his maker. Dan Michael Gourley died Marcy 24, 2014 at Paradise Valley Hospital, Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 22, 1941, at Lawton Indian Hospital to L.C. Gourley and Edna Jane Reynolds Gourley.

He was a proud tribal member of the Chickasaw and Pottawatomie Nations.

He was a highly intelligent man throughout this academic career. Some of his education opportunities and teaching fellowships included Seminole High School, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard, The University of Oklahoma, the University of Cal-Berkley and San Francisco City College.

After he retired from teaching and passing on his fruitful knowledge to the San Francisco City school system as a computer consultant and the city of Pasadena, he continued to live his life to the fullest while figuring out the many mysteries of the world. He was a man of many talents and was loved and respected by many.

He is survived by an aunt and uncle, Lucille and Dan Reynolds, of Letha, Okla.; many cousins including Andrea, Danelle, Danette, Lynn, Diana, Gary, Karen, Bob, Kim, Leeland, Richard, Tom, Babette, and B.J.; and several special friends, Bruce Halverson; David Boren, Connie Zamora, Norma Tiger, Oliva Verdan, Rusty Carpitcher, Jeremy Johnson, Barbara Price, Beverly Price, Donnie and Judy Carter.

Memorial services are planned at a later date. Individuals may send a message to the family in care of Gary Reynolds at tarzanokie@sbcglobal.net.

Patrick “Patsy” (Reed) Horton



Patrick “Patsy” (Reed) Horton, 82, went to be with the Lord June 11, 2014. Services were June 14, at Brown’s Funeral Chapel in Coalgate, Okla., with Pastor Dennis Heath officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Tupelo, Okla.

She was born March 7, 1932 at Ada to Reuben and Ruby (Bynum) Reed. She attended Tupelo schools, and was a cook at several restaurants and hotels during her lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Reuben and Ruby (Bynum) Reed; a daughter, Ruby Nadine Ashley; two sisters, Helen Horton and Verna Keltner; two brothers, Cleve Wade and Woodrow Wade; a granddaughter, Felecia Ellis; and a great-grandchild, Jaydon Heiser.

She is survived by her sons, Clifton Ellis (formerly worked at Healthy Lifestyles and Carter

Seminary) and his wife, Linda, of Holdenville, Okla., Bub Ellis, of Marshall, Texas and Rick (Boo) Ellis and Jeanie, of Tupelo; a daughter, Debra Ellis-Clubine, and her husband, Robert, of Independence, Mo.; two brothers, Carl Wade, and his wife, Susan, of Stonewall, Okla., and Matt Wade and his wife, Karen, of Ada, Okla.; and a sister, Jeannie Adams, of Tupelo; grandchildren, Johnna R. (Ellis) Walker (Chickasaw Foundation) and her husband, Darrell (Department of Career Services), of Ada, Okla., John Ellis (Construction & Support Services) and his wife, Carmen (Acute Care Department), of Ada, Jeremy Ellis (Property & Facilities) and his wife, Elizabeth (Health Information Management), of Ada, Jamie Ellis (Protective Services) and his fiancé, Christina Fish, of Tupelo, Serena Smith, of Marshall, Paul Ellis and his wife, Angee, of Marshall; LeAnn Hay and her husband, Chris, of DeBerry, Texas, Racheal Ellis, of Waskom, Texas, Ricky Ellis (Property & Supply) and his wife, Darla, of Tupelo, Carrie Souter and her husband, Russell, of Tulsa, Ben Ashley, of Latta, Okla., Crystal Potts-Heiser and her husband, Matthew, of Independence, Mo, Demetrius Roberts of Independence, Tanya Milam and her husband, Ryan, of Beggs, Okla.; and Angie Deaton of Marietta, Okla.; great-grandchildren Nacobi Walker (Child Development Center), Alexis Walker (Summer Youth-Child Development Center), Dylan Walker (Summer Youth-Child Development Center), Christian Ellis, Trenton Ellis (Summer Youth-Watkins Landscaping), John William Ellis, Jayson Ellis (Summer Youth-Recreational Facilities), Hailey Ellis (Summer Youth-Child Development Center), Jarrett Ellis, Jayden Ellis, Jaxon Ellis, Lacie Grubbe, Justin Morgan, Dallas Smith, Tawny Crowe-Ellis, Madison Ellis, David Ellis, Breanna Ellis, Alexis Ellis, Chris Hay, Jr., Kayla Hay, Kalie Ricks, Ashlee Ricks, Wyatt Ricks, Jade Ellis, Ruger Ellis, Lomis Souter, Valecia Heiser, Theron Heiser, Hudson Milam, Ryan Deaton and Kailie Deaton.

Bearers were Ben Ashley, Jamie Ellis, Jeremy Ellis, Paul Ellis, Ricky Ellis and Darrell Walker.

Morris Everidge Maytubby



Our beloved Clan Chief, Morris Everidge Maytubby, 81, was reunited with Jesus on June 5, 2014. A celebration of his life was June 13 at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Born in Hugo, Okla., his family moved to Lamont, Calif., during the Dust Bowl. He graduated from Kern Union High School and served in the U.S. Army. He taught eighth grade and woodshop and coached two years at Fairfax School before entering the banking industry. He married the love of his life, Joann, and provided well for his family in Bakersfield.

His passion for sports was passed down to his children and grandchildren. He was an excellent athlete who enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren carry on the Maytubby athletic tradition. You could find him in the stands at every swim meet or baseball, football, softball and volleyball game in which his children and grandchildren participated.

He always enjoyed a round of golf with family and friends. Along with his brothers and father, they started the Maytubby Family Golf Tournament where each family member, regardless of age, participated. In retirement, he was never idle. If he wasn’t golfing, he would be

attending his grandchildren’s school events or tinkering in the garage, usually building something. He loved having all his family around him and rejoiced in the family’s accomplishments. His quiet sense of humor kept many on their toes, always quick to remind visitors, “I’m glad you got to see me!”

Morris was incredibly proud of his Chickasaw heritage, documenting the family lineage from the time of the Trail of Tears. As the family historian and Clan Chief, he gave each new family member a Chickasaw name. He learned the value of heritage from his beloved Aunt Sadie (Vinne Mae Humes). Along with his cousins, former Chickasaw Nation Gov. Overton James and Chenena Roach, he shared an abiding love in their Chickasaw roots. He made sure the family heritage lived on through his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He accompanied a large group of extended family to the “homeland” in 2011, serving as a tour guide of Tishomingo, the family homestead outside of Wapanucka and to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

He was a man of great faith. Anyone who spent time with him could be sure to hear music from the Gaither Gospel Group or catch him reading his Bible. He loved the Lord with his whole heart and looked forward to his home-going with joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents Morris J. and Elsie Maytubby; and his brothers Bill and John.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joann; a daughter Jonell Griffith (Steve); sons Ben Maytubby (Molla) and Scott Maytubby (Misty); grandchildren Nichol Wilson (Jason), Joseph Maytubby, Jenee Charles (Ricky), Stefani Curry (Ryan), Traci Lewis (Josh), Chad Maytubby, and Dakota and Christopher Duarte; great grandchildren Khyla, Kiersten, Zeke and Eli Charles, Mason, Aubri, and Jackson Curry, with a Curry and a Wilson on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family requests donations be made to San Luis Obispo Christian School, 2075 Johnson Avenue, SLO, California, 93401, or Apela Foundation 360 North 3rd Street. Grover Beach, California, 93433.

Lahoma Juel (Massey) Robinson



Lahoma Juel (Massey) Robinson, 91, of Houston, died May 10, 2014. She was laid to rest at Young Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma.

She was born Nov. 28, 1922, at Berwyn (Gene Autry), Okla., to Ben W. and Bettie May (Young) Massey, both Chickasaw original enrollees.

She was early schooled in Berwyn and Britton, graduating from Ardmore (OK) High School in 1940. In 1942, she married the late Bill B. Hatcher with whom she had one child, Rebecca Juel Hatcher Travis. In 1954, she married Gary C. Robinson who was her knight in shining armor for 60 years.

In 1961, they moved to Houston and together established a successful corporate engineering practice. She served as treasurer and secretary until her retirement in 1994. She was an avid gardener, a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; a daughter, Rebecca Travis, Sulphur, Okla.; a sister, Doris McAtee, Plano, Texas; two grandsons, Edward D. Travis Jr. of Houston, and Colin Robinson Travis, of Frisco, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, from the union of Colin and wife, Alanna, Violet Julia and Spencer Robinson Travis, both of Frisco.

She will be greatly missed.

The Chickasaw Nation Adult Art Classes, Schedule and Locations

August/September 2014

To sign up for classes, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520. Minimum class size, 4- maximum class size, 10

Fun With Clay

This beginners’ class will explore clay building techniques to produce functional and decorative artworks.

Saturday, Aug. 2 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 4 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8 – Ada 1-4 p.m.

Mosaic 101

Students will create a one-of-a-kind mosaic. A fun and exciting way to be creative with broken tiles, stained glass and found objects. Learn the mosaic basics using the proper tools, terminology and historical concepts. No prior art experience is necessary, an eye for design is helpful.

Saturday, Aug. 9 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 11 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Anyone Can Draw

“Drawing on the right side of the brain” by Betty Edwards will be the instructional guide used in the class. This method is the best for teaching students how to draw what they see and not what they know.

Saturday, August 16 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 18 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Watercolor

Students will explore the medium of watercolor by experimenting with different techniques of color, line, texture, shape, form and pattern.

Saturday, Aug. 23 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27 – Sulphur 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29 – Ada 6-9 p.m.

Ada Classroom: The Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Building, 201 North Broadway
Phone: (580) 272-5520

Sulphur Classroom: ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 West Muskogee
Phone: (580) 622-8040

Instructor: Kelly Pennington-Reed is a local artist with 13 years of experience teaching art. She is listed on the Oklahoma Arts Council’s Oklahoma Teaching Artist Roster.

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 16, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Dean McManus
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Thomas Bolitho, Michael T. Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Bethany Gill

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 17, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014.

Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 31-026, Approval of Development Budget (WinStar Hardened Data Center)

This resolution approves the development budget amount for the WinStar Hardened Data Center project in the amount of \$9,982,509. This development budget addresses the design, engineering, and construction of a new 16,000 square feet Data Center building. The building will house a 4,700 square feet hardened data room, 6,750 square feet office space, and 4,350 square feet back of house support area. The building will also provide for additional future expansion of the data room as the need arises.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR31-026.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-026 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-027, Approval of Development Budget (Thackerville Gaming Addition)

This resolution approves the development budget amount for the Thackerville Gaming Addition project in the amount of \$4,247,664.00. The development budget addresses the design, engineering and construction of a new 8,500 square feet gaming addition. The building will house approximately 280 new electronic games with related back of house support. The project will also include additional parking of approximately 430 new spaces to be located south of the existing structure.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-027.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz,
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-026 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-027, Approval of Development Budget (Thackerville Gaming Addition)



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Scott Wood, Steve Woods
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR31-027 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.
(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 31-028, Authorization for Demolition and Removal of the Chickasaw Towers in Ardmore

This Resolution authorizes and approves the demolition and removal of the Chickasaw Towers at a cost of \$750,000.00. The building was constructed in 1974 and the condition of the building is such that it is uninhabitable and presents a safety risk to the Chickasaw citizens and the general public.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR31-028.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-028 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to discuss or comments from the citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Nation tribal Legislature

JUNE 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-029
Authorization and Approval of Business Lease G09-1817 on Joint Tract in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution approves the Business Lease G09-1817 to Lake Eufaula Rod & Gun Club, c/o Mitch Biasnar, President, P.O. Box 1411 Krebs, Oklahoma, 74554 to operate a shooting range on a tract of tribal trust land owned jointly with the Choctaw Nation and containing five (5) acres more or less in Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. The term of the lease is a three (3) year term, that began on the 1st day of January, 2013, and that shall end on the 31st day of December, 2015 with a per annum payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the BIA, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive one quarter (¼) share or twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per annum.

This appraised value for this lease is less than the lease amount. There is a performance bond in the amount of \$1,500 attached to the lease. The Choctaw Nation, being the joint owner and majority shareholder, has already approved the lease in Council Bill CB-43-13 and executed the lease documents.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, within the Choctaw Nation boundaries

Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

General Resolution Number 31-030
Authorization and Approval of Business Lease G09-1816 on Joint Tract in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution approves the Business Lease G09-1816 to Lake Eufaula Rod & Gun Club, c/o Mitch Biasnar, President, P.O. Box 1411 Krebs, Oklahoma, 74554 to operate a shooting range on a tract of tribal trust land owned jointly with the Choctaw Nation, containing twenty (20) acres more or less in Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma. The term of the lease is a three (3) year term, that began on the 1st day of January, 2013, and that shall end on the 31st day of December, 2015 with a per annum payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the BIA, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive one quarter (¼)

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share or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum.

This appraised value for this lease is equivalent to the lease amount. There is a performance bond in the amount of \$2,050 attached to the lease. The Choctaw Nation, being the joint owner and the majority shareholder, has already approved the lease in Council Bill CB-42-13 and executed the lease documents.

Property Location: Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma within the Choctaw Nation boundaries

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

General Resolution Number 31-031
ODOT Highway Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a highway easement granted to ODOT at Hwy 32 in Love County. ODOT has agreed to pay \$3,225.00 for the easement and damages. ODOT will replace the existing barbed-wire fence and water gap at their expense.

Property Location: Hwy 32 west of I-35 in Love County Use: Highway easement

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

General Resolution Number 31-032
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority

Mr. Wayne Scribner
Explanation: This resolution confirms Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wayne Scribner to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority. Mr. Scribner will occupy the seat formerly held by Ms. Deanna Hartley.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
June 9, 2014

Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Wood

Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Education Committee
June 9, 2014

Present: Nancy Elliott, Katie Case, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker

Absent: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Finance Committee
June 16, 2014

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee
June 9, 2014

Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins

Absent: Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
June 9, 2014

Present: Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Nancy Elliott

Absent: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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2013-2014 Tribal Legislature

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